



# First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

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

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Choir Director

**Sami Froncek**  
Accompanist

**Sean Russell,**  
Sound Room Technician

**Susan Murphy**  
Nursery

## *From Session - Holy Week Revisited*

Each and every week, whether on Sunday or during any of the other days for that matter, we are reminded and in awe of our Lord Jesus Christ's intercession . . . in behalf of those of us who are (and undoubtedly will continue to be) sinful, even as we strive to follow His examples.

The recent events and services during Holy Week at FPCD brought into clear focus not only the ultimate price Jesus paid with His horrible death, but more than that . . . He actually was raised, appeared to His disciples and others, and following His ascension, was seated at the right hand of God where He continues to plead for us.

prayers of confession and requests for forgiveness as well as sincere acknowledgment of and thankful-ness for what he has done . . and is continuing to do for us.

But we shouldn't stop there. Use these opportunities to pray for the ability and wisdom to keep us ever mindful of our responsibilities as Christians to follow His examples of love, forgiveness, responsibility, character, dependability, and (here's the kicker:) the willingness and desirability to deliver nothing but the very best of our capabilities in all we say and do! Remember: there is no room for mediocrity in Christ's church.

As well as to honor His Holy Name!

What amazing Love!

*-Steve Bayless*

We, as devoted Christians, should include in our daily lives -

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The Walter family writes:

Greetings to all our friends there at FPCD. Our days here are very full. We miss seeing the Texas bluebonnets along the roadsides. But we are seeing many other beautiful things here. Some are harder to quantify---like growing inner life in our Zee friends, or our kids' experiencing Father for themselves.

Two weeks ago my Zee friend, Annie, called to tell me what Father had done for her. She had been assigned to teach in a remote village school in an area that wouldn't be safe for her two young children. Her husband taught at a school in a town some ways away. Annie tried to get permission to transfer so that she and her children could live together, but was denied. Then, she said, suddenly the thought came to her, "I could pray about this." She did. And through some fast surprises she found herself transferred to teach in the same mountain town at the same school as her husband. So the whole family is now together. Annie sang Father's praise, giving him all credit.

All three of the kids, Dale, Eva, and Andrew Gary, were baptized together this February first. They are growing into fine young people (all taller than I) who are a delight to be around and a practical help to us in many ways. Dale and Eva train down to a larger city and spend a week each month studying with some other TCKs (Third Culture Kids). This past week, we invited the other kids up to spend a long week end with us. What fun it was to watch their enthusiasm interacting with each other, and to see them plan and carry out activities so well on their own.

Dennis this past year temporarily stepped into a critical administrative role for our group. It has meant lots of travel away from home which has sometimes been hard for us, but has helped many others to make progress in their language and translation work. We are glad. It's a behind the scenes job that doesn't often receive much credit.

Susan has been happy to see the sprouting of interest in literacy, especially for Zee village women---a sector which has had less access to education than the others. Their writing system uses over 800 unique symbols. So learning it is a challenge that takes some effort.

Thanks for remembering us and the Zee many of whom you will get to meet some day.

***Dennis, Susan, Dale, Eva, and Andrew Gary***



## *News from PW Women*

Please feel welcome to attend a Bible study of Exodus and Deuteronomy with either of the two groups here at FPCD. Agape Circle will meet on Thursday May 8 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

Sarah Circle will meet Thursday May 15 at 7:30 pm in the home of Joan Brown 810 Rock Canyon Drive, Duncanville.

### *Grief Support Group News*

The New Beginning meeting Ladies will meet on May 6th in the home of Joan Brown, 810 Rock Canyon Drive Street, Duncanville. Phone 972-298-9836.

If someone needs to talk with others due to a loss of someone dear, please feel free to come. You would be welcome. For more information call Billie Cowand (972-298-5449).

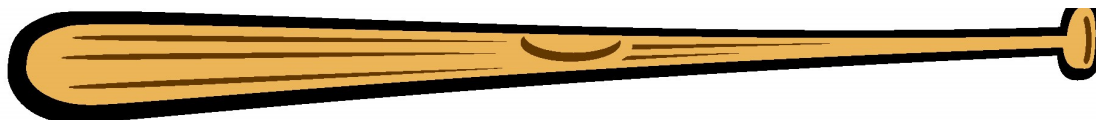
## *The Epistle 4*



### *Save the Date Ranger Night at the Ballpark*

Our annual Ranger Night at the Ballpark will be Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Rangers vs. Detroit Tigers. This will also be Dollar Hot Dog Night. Tickets are \$14.00.

Watch for further details.



### *Scout News*

In order to earn Boy Scout's high rank of Eagle, a Scout must complete a service project that is helpful to any religious institution, school, or their community. (The project must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.).

The Scout will use skills he has learned thus far in Scouting: leadership. . . responsibility. . . managing projects. . . applying the Scout Oath—"to help other people". He will decide on a project, research the project, find funding, coordinate the project, arrange for needed materials and supervise the project.

As a suggestion by Scout leader Anna Murphy, Ryan Spivey a member of Troop 493 chose to build 4 wooden benches for our church. The project was funded in part by donations given in memory of Burle Murphy. Since Burle was a Cub Scout Leader and mother of an Eagle Scout, the family felt this project would be a fitting tribute and a worthwhile project.

The benches (pictured) are easily moved and can be used indoors or out in our various play/skits, services & events, such as our weekly lemonade on the lawn.

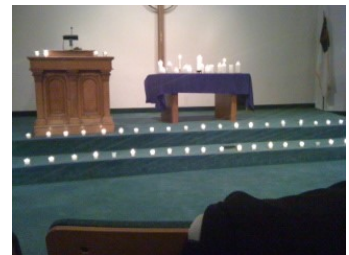
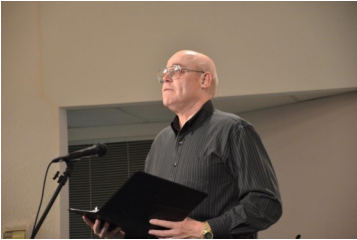
Ryan and the Murphy family hope you will enjoy using them.





## *The Epistle 5*

Thank you to all who participated in the Holy Week events. Deacons, choir, storytellers, liturgist, ushers, ladies who cooked meals, cross-bearers, worship planning team, costume people, youth, and staff; you brought these events together. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You—You are the BEST!



**"This Jesus  
God raised up,  
and of that all  
of us are  
witnesses."  
Acts 2:32, NRSV**



## ***FOCUS ON SENIORS ALLIANCE***

OUR MISSION: TO PROVIDE A NETWORK OF SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

### Answers and Resources for Seniors

- If I go on Medicaid will I lose my home?
- Will I have enough income to live out my life?
- Could a reverse mortgage be right for me?
- Will I or my spouse qualify for Veterans Aid and Attendance?

#### **FREE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR**

**MAY 20, 2014  
6:30- 8:00PM**

**Our panel of experts will be available to answer these and YOUR questions**

**Richard "Rick" Mills**

*Schultz Mills Law - Elder Attorney*

**Don Stockard**

*VA Aid and Attendance Benefits*

**Melissa Stewart**

*Edward Jones - Financial Advisor*

**Rodney Rogers**

*Generation Mortgage Company - Reverse Mortgage*

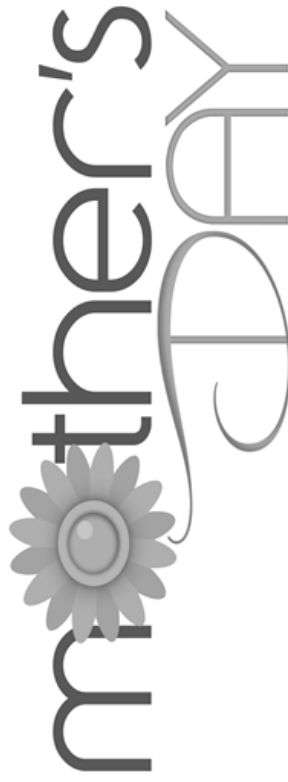
#### **EVENT LOCATION:**

**First Presbyterian Church of Duncanville  
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#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL:**

**(972) 515-7325**





## FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR


May 2014

Remember each other in daily prayer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Carlos & Carvn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle Bob Moore	2 Dean & Ginger Hertenstein Morgan Hall	3 Steve Netriss Dave & Jocelyn Bolles Pat Sparr	4 Jamie & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason	5 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
6 Paul & Jen Schaefer Caleb, Micah, Josiah, & Sarah	7 Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah, Aeris & Benjamin Carol McKinney	8 Steve & Marna Bayless Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant	9 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa	10 Winfred Cook Larry & Margaret Lewis	11 Gary & Linda Simons Albert & Sara Teel Dick & Nancy Bergman	12 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee
13 Billie Cowand Gary & Nita Malone Barbara Notari Tom & Lois Harmon	14 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dorothy Cleary Ruth Yingst	15 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Sam & Charlotte Fithian	16 David Hertenstein Evelyn Eddie & Darlene Cowand	17 Carol Orwig Christy Cowand Brandon Evelyn Pike	18 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Malcolm Perrault	19 Roy & Wendy Jensen The Buuck's George & Mary Huttar
20 Doris Metzger Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal Bill & Vangie Jackson	21 Paul & Helen Barton Miguel & Fanny Penaloza	22 Bob Harrison Darrell & Sharon Ingram	23 Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Leo & Marlene Skinner	24 Susan Murphy Anna Murphy Mickey & Betty Jespersen	25 Charles Tye Jim & Pam Loyd Wanda Shupman	26 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake
27 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. Jack & Diane Pegues	28 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew	29 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	30 Connie Steger Dudley Austin Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael	31 John Alsop Joan Brown Keith & Gail Haynes Julia McConnell		

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**WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

May 2014  
10:30 A.M. SERVICE

May 4	Greeters:	Jaime & Lorraine Cordova
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Darlene Cowand
	Tellers:	Lori Glover, Brenda Everett
	Communion Servers:	Scott Hartless, Lori Glover, Irving Kezar Sandy Gaskins, Sean Russell, Edelmira Ruiz
May 11	Greeters:	Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson
	Ushers:	Albert Teel, Eddie Cowand
	Nursery Volunteer:	Jocelyn Bolles
	Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
May 18	Greeters:	Wendy Jensen, Donna To
	Ushers:	Albert Teel, Irving Kezar
	Nursery Volunteer:	Anna Murphy
	Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
May 25	Greeters:	Darlene Cowand, Anna Murphy
	Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Erin McGinnis
	Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner

## May 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](mailto:info@fpcd.org). Thank you.

Steve Bayless, May 7  
 Sam Fithian, May 7  
 Sarah Teel, May 9  
 Lucy Russell, May 13  
 Marna Bayless, May 22  
 Andrew Walters, May 22  
 Alexander Gaskins, May 31  
 Madison Pritchett-Hartless, May 31



	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
March 2014	\$28,524	\$17,864
Jan-Mar	\$64,165	\$53,435
2014 Total Annual Budget:		\$243,607
Budget per month		\$ 20,301

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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.