



First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

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

News from your Session

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An exercise many of us go through is sorting through receipts. Whether you did it last month for your tax return, an expense account at work or maybe you're just that good with your monthly budget, one thing you may have noticed about receipts is that over time some of them fade out and become illegible. This fading may have something to do with the new techniques in computerized printing where the main purpose isn't necessarily endurance, but rather speed. Anyway, whatever payment of an incurred debt that the receipts might represent is lost and you would have a difficult time trying to convince the I. R. S. or anyone else that they are anything more than meaningless

pieces of paper.

There is one receipt, however that will never fade. It may not mean a hill of beans to the I.R.S. or your employer, but to us it means everything. For it states that our debts have been paid in full and. . . as Peter puts it. . . the promise that it represents is: ". . . imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. . ." You know the receipt I'm talking about . . . it is the cross of Jesus Christ.

It may be important to keep all your receipts for tax time, but for Christ's sake . . . hang on to this one for dear life.

Sean



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Stahls' Grand Stories

Dear Friends,

April 14, 2015

Stories Illuminate Stories! We found out how excitingly true this statement is when we agreed to train a group of refugees who came to Dallas after being driven from their homeland by the land-grabbing government. Their personal stories of fleeing amid gunfire and bombs, and wandering in and out of refugee camps, without much food and inadequate clothing were painful to hear. We helped them to tell the story of Jonah in their own language, and in the process Jim and I experienced Jonah's story in a new and powerful way. The huge fish faded into the background as the team practiced telling Jonah with all the emotion of not wanting to face their own oppressors. They sang laments similar to Jonah's in Chapter 2. And when we discussed how Jonah must have felt when God sent him to give a warning to Israel's hated oppressors, each of the team members confessed that they, like Jonah, would have run from God. They expressed their own fear at the thought of facing their violent enemies, and anger at the idea that God cared for their hated oppressors.



Their stories brought to my mind the people in my life that I don't pray for, and whom I dismiss quickly from my mind because I consider them to be beyond God's love and grace. My stories pale in comparison to what these refugees endured at the hands of their enemies. What really impressed me, was that learning to tell this story of Jonah was not a deal-breaker for these people. They seemed to have no illusions that God would only command them to do what was easy and comfortable for them. Instead, they stood before the large group in the workshop with all sorts of visible and invisible scars, and were quick to remember the blessings they received from God. I will never read or hear Jonah's story the same again thanks to our new friends.

Jim and I will be in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania from May 22 – June 3. If you are in the area, and interested in learning more about Bible storytelling and hearing more about our ministry we would like to get together with you. So either write us an email or call us at 682-220-7762.

Thanks for your prayers and support.

Janet and Jim Stahl

Janet and Jim Stahl | Oral Bible Storytelling Coordinator



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Ladies Circle News

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet on May 14, 2015, in the home of Joan Brown, 810 Rock Canyon Drive, Duncanville at 7:30 pm. This is the last meeting in the study of 2 Corinthians, *Reconciling Paul*.

We welcome any woman who may be interested in attending an evening circle.

Agape Women's Circle

Agape Women's Circle will meet on Thursday, May 14, in the Fellowship Hall of the church. We will talk about lessons 8 and 9 of our current study about Paul through his writings in Second Corinthians. All are welcome to attend.

A Thank You from PW

For the PW Plant and Bake Sale, we raised \$600 (after expenses) so thanks to one and all who either donated or made purchases. A good time was had by all in the process!!

Cook's Corner

This week's mouth-watering contribution comes to us from Marna Bayless.

Quick Italian Spinach Pie

16 ounces 2% Cottage Cheese
1 package (10 ounces) frozen, chopped spinach, thawed, well-drained
1 cup shredded low-moisture part-skim Mozzarella Cheese
4 eggs, beaten
1 jar (7 ounces) Roasted Red Peppers, well-drained, chopped
1/3 cup 100% Grated Parmesan Cheese
1 teaspoon dried Oregano leaves

Mix all ingredients.

Pour into greased 9-inch pie plate.

Bake at 350° for 40 minutes or until center is set.

Makes 8 servings

Prep: 10 minutes

Bake: 40 minutes

Variation: Prepare as directed, substituting 1/2 cup chopped red pepper for roasted red pepper.

Dietary Exchanges:

2 Lean Meat, 1 Vegetable

Nutrients Per Serving:

Calories:	150	Calories from Fat:	48%
Total Fat:	8 g	Sat. Fat:	4 g
Carb:	6 g	Protein:	15 g
Chol:	125 mg	Sodium:	450 mg
Fiber:	1 g		

FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

Remember each other
in daily prayer!



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



May 2015

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

May 2015
10:30 A.M. SERVICE

MAY 3

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Volunteer:

Tellers:

Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz

Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues

Anna Murphy

Lori Glover, Brenda Everett

MAY 10

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Volunteer:

Tellers:

Communion Servers:

Billie Cowand, Leo Skinner

Eddie Cowand, Dub Guthrie

Susan Murphy

Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

Jack Pegues, Joan Brown, Leo Skinner, Lori Glover,

Dub Guthrie, Sandy Gaskins

MAY 17

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Volunteer:

Tellers:

Jaime & Lorraine Cordova

Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues

Erin McGinnis

Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis

MAY 24

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Volunteer:

Tellers:

Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson

Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues

Sydney Russell

Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner

MAY 31

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Volunteer:

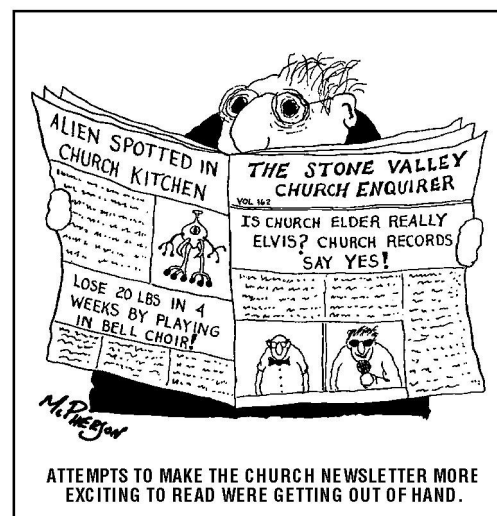
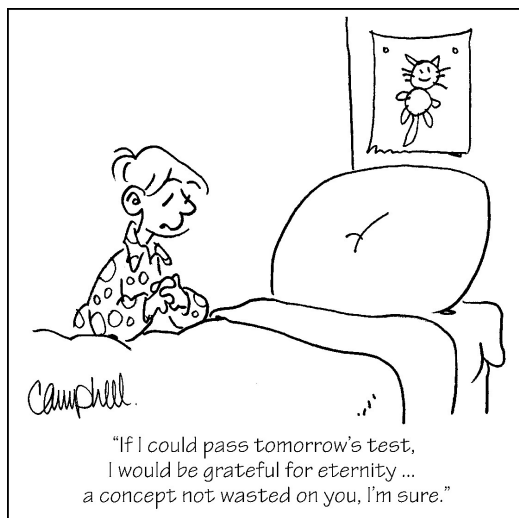
Tellers:

Wendy Jensen, Donna To

Eugene Jimmerson, Jack Pegues

Darlene Cowand

Lori Glover, Brenda Everett



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. Thank you.

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



2015 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
March	\$30,171	\$13,104
YTD	\$62,864	\$50,060

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education
 Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
 — 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.