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First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

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

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Follow the Leader

No matter where we open the Bible, the instructions on how to live our lives and follow the Master's plan is laid out before us. The plan that is designed to lead us to heaven and eternal life. It's right there for us so why don't we just read it and heed it.

Because, while it sounds easy, God isn't about to make it easy. He has equipped us with choices.

Deductive reasoning to those choices and paths leading to right and wrong. Because, we are only human, we most often choose the easiest path, not the right path but the path we feel we can control. But this is not the way. God doesn't want us to control His plan. Rather, He wants us to read his word, study it, see what He is trying to tell us and adjust our lives in accordingly.

We are all sinners, and every Sunday we confess our transgressions and ask forgiveness. When

we are sincere, He forgives! Most times, we continue to go on through life thinking "just got a free pass for another week". We march off doing the same ol' thing.

As I got to thinking and writing this article, I decided I am going to do better, I am going to live how I talk. I am going to practice what I preach. Don't know if He'll give me enough time to make full amends for all my failures but I can give it a try.

Care to join to join me? For the next week, be extra careful of everything you do or say and try to change. See if you notice a difference!

In Christ I serve,

Dave B



Mission Family Updates



Class of 2016

On May 7, Dale finishes high school with a graduation ceremony at the Modular Study Group in Kunming, China. We know many of you can't make it, but we wanted you to celebrate this with us. We are grateful for God's hand on Dale's life, and appreciate the friendship and helpful influence he's received from many of you.

Humbly trusting God, Dale has made plans to study engineering at the US Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, one of the nation's five federal service academies. He begins at the end of June.

With joy,

Dennis and Susan Walters

Circle Meetings

The **Agape Women's Circle** will hold their May, 2016 meeting on Wednesday the 11th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The lesson will be from the Horizons Bible Study "Come to the Waters." It is #8, "The Hospitality of Living Water - Compassion." All are welcome. No previous study needed.

Sarah Circle will meet Thursday May 12 in the home of Joan Brown 810 Rock Canyon Drive, Duncanville at 7:30 pm. The lesson is #9 in the Horizon Bible Study book.

Any women who are interested in an evening Bible study are welcome.



"Before I tell you what happened, Mom, remember...The Lord will never give you more than you can handle."



"Let's take the corn flakes just in case."

Cook's Corner

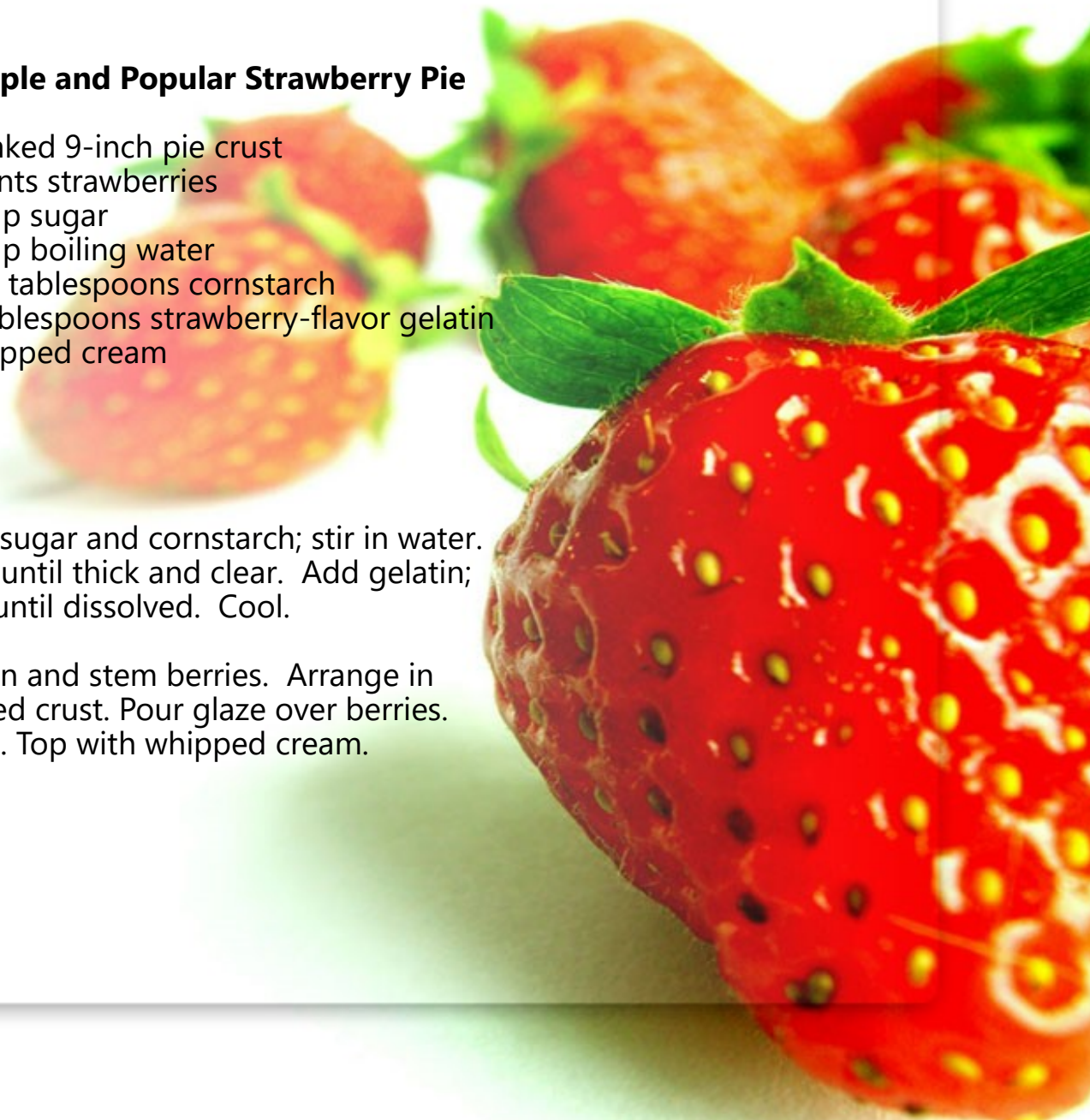
From Scott and Kathleen Ryan Hartless

Simple and Popular Strawberry Pie

1 baked 9-inch pie crust
2 pints strawberries
1 cup sugar
1 cup boiling water
1 ½ tablespoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons strawberry-flavor gelatin
Whipped cream

Mix sugar and cornstarch; stir in water. Boil until thick and clear. Add gelatin; stir until dissolved. Cool.

Clean and stem berries. Arrange in baked crust. Pour glaze over berries. Chill. Top with whipped cream.





First Presbyterian Church Duncanville

MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR - MAY 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Jack & Diane Pegues Ruth Yingst 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 Penalzoa 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	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 Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael Mickey & Betty Jespersen	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 Dave & 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 Pastor, Elders, and Deacons at F.P.C.D.				

“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you” Isaiah 66:13

May 2016

First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville, Texas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
1 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Communion 4:00 PM Youth Confirmation Gathering with the Stahls 5:00 PM Spanish Bible Study	2 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting	3	4 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 6:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting	6	7																																																																																				
8 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Spanish Bible Study	9	10	11 1:00 PM Agape Women's Fellowship 6:30 PM Youth Group 6:45 PM Finance Meeting 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	12 8:30 AM Community Prayer Gathering at Ben Franklin 7:30 PM Sarah Women's Fellowship	13	14																																																																																				
15 Newsletter Articles Due <i>Potluck Sunday</i> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Spanish Bible Study	16 1:00 PM "New Beginnings" Grief Support Small Group	17	18 6:30 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM 4th Sunday Praise Team Rehearsal	19	20	21																																																																																				
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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

May 2016

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

MAY 1

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Overseer:

Tellers:

Communion Servers:

Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson

Irving Kezar, Albert Teel

Anna Murphy

Lori Glover, Brenda Everett

Jack Pegues, Marna Bayless

Leo Skinner, Erin McGinnis

Doris Metzger

MAY 8

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Overseer:

Tellers:

Wendy Jensen, Donna To

Eddie Cowand, Dub Guthrie

Susan Murphy

Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

MAY 15

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Overseer:

Tellers:

Darlene Cowand, Anna Murphy

Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues

Darlene Cowand

Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis

MAY 22

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Overseer:

Tellers:

Eddie Cowand, Doris Metzger

Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues

Jocelyn Bolles

Darrell Ingram, Anna Murphy

MAY 29

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Overseer:

Tellers:

Vanessa Cordova, Jason Cordova

Eugene Jimmerson, Jack Pegues

Anna Murphy

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.

Steve Bayless, May 7	Marna Bayless, May 22
Sam Fithian, May 7	Andrew Walters, May 22
Madelyn Meegan, May 11	Alexander Gaskins, May 31
Lucy Russell, May 13	Madison Pritchett-Hartless, May 31

— 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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2016 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
March 2016	\$18,647	\$20,862
Jan - Mar 2016	\$61,551	\$59,303