



First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

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

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From your Session

It Starts With an Idea

A few months ago, I saw a cartoon on Facebook. A group of people, labeled as a pastor nominating committee, were sitting around a table. The caption said, "We agree that we want an innovative young pastor, full of fresh ideas, who will inspire us to stay just like we are." While some of us may have chuckled at this, unfortunately it is often too true but unspoken. It feels comfortable to go to church and know everyone, know the order of worship, and know all the hymns. Is our goal to be comfortable? Is that God's goal for us? Should we stay with a traditional style of worship if we know that it will not attract younger people? Maybe we need to consider making ourselves uncomfortable in order to attract a younger group of worshipers. There is nothing wrong with changing the style as long as we keep the same message.

Over the last few years, we have tried some new things that have showed we are willing to change. All these things started with an idea that was shared. Someone thought of having a fall festival and later taking that festival out into the community. That has resulted in our church being known in the community for working to better the community. We have raised over \$230,000 for Duncanville Outreach Ministry. It started with an idea.

Someone came up with the idea of having a youth service on the fourth Sunday. We have seen these become a

way for our youth to express their faith and show what an important part of our church they are.

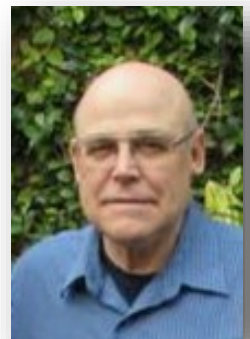
Last year someone had the idea of a summer bash. It started as a fun day for all ages of young people. It resulted in a younger group meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings to study about God.

These are all steps in the right direction, but maybe some of you have the next good idea. If you have an idea and are willing to put effort into making it a reality, let others know. We have to keep looking for ways to look outward and attract others. If we don't, the church will die.

The other thing I would ask is that if we try something that is not something you are fond of, you tolerate and even help the new program. We won't know if something will work or where it will lead until we try it.

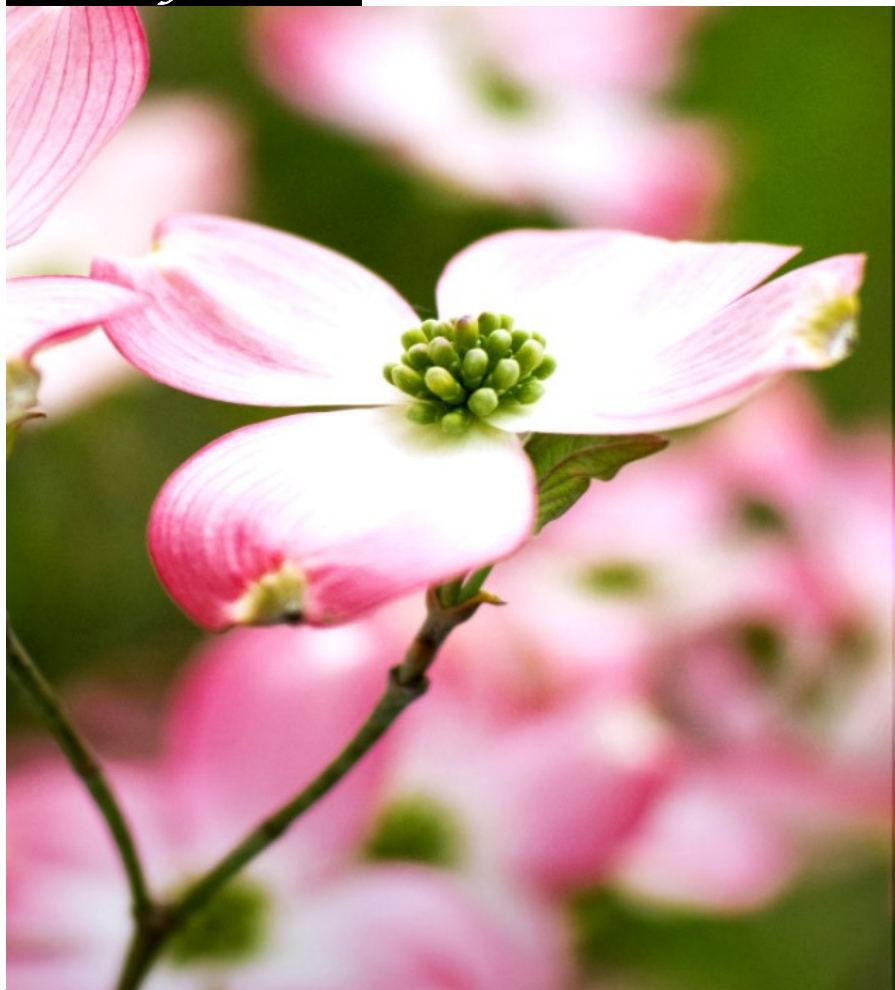
We all need to keep reading our Bibles, praying, and try new ways to reach out to others. You are never too young or too old to make a difference in someone's life.

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Women's Bible Study

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday May 5th in the home of Marna Bayless 836 Glen Cove Blvd. at 7 pm. We will be studying Lesson 8.

The Agape Women's Bible Circle will next meet at 1 pm on May 10, 2017, in the Fellowship Hall of the church and will discuss Lesson 9. This is our last study for 2016/2017 from the PW/Horizon's series "Who Is Jesus?" The key scripture is Matthew 15: 21-28.

All are welcome.

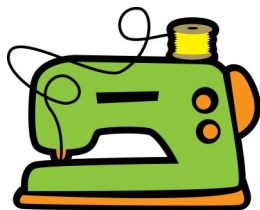
Costume Workshop

WOW!! What a wonderful Easter drama, so proud of all the youth and adults that participated. There were many hours given by adult leaders to make this happen.

With this being said, our youth are growing up quickly and we are in need of updating our costume closet. We have some great costumes, but some are in need of repair, need to be updated, and in some cases, we need to make or purchase new ones.

This is where you can offer support to our ongoing drama activities and best of all...you don't even need to be a sewing enthusiast to be involved. We'll need help designing, cutting, sewing and ironing. Some costumes might even need washing.

Please contact Anna Murphy if you are ready, willing and able to assist. Parents, we'd especially like to see y'all involved with this. **Target date is sometime in May.** Let Anna know what day of the week and date is best for you.



Costume Workshop



May 2017

First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville, Texas

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FPCD *monthly* PRAYER CALENDAR

MAY 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 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 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	31 Pray for our Church Pray for Peace			

Happy Mother's Day

Worship Volunteer Schedule April 2017

May 7

**Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry
Communion Servers**

**Darlene Cowand & Anna Murphy
Dub Guthrie & Eddie Cowand
Anna Murphy
Teresa Reed & Joan Brown
Dub Guthrie & Joan Brown
Irving Kezar, Brenda Everett,
Nancy Bergman, Adelmo Ruiz &
Anna Murphy**

May 14

**Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry**

**Doris Metzger & Eddie Cowand
Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar
Susan Murphy
Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
Dick Bergman & Nancy Bergman**

May 21

**Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry**

**Vanessa & Jason Cordova
Jack Pegues & Albert Teel
Darlene Cowand
Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy
Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova**

May 28


**Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry**

**Youth
Youth
Jocelyn Bolles
Lori Glover & Brenda Everett
Sean Russell & Edelmira Ruiz**

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	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



2017 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
March	\$36,785	\$17,332
Jan - Mar	\$63,805	\$49,163

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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.