

First Presbyterian Church

EPISTLE

Our vision: Seeking God first, who first loved us.

*Our Mission: Knowing & loving God; obeying & worshipping him together;
sharing Jesus & his love with everyone.*

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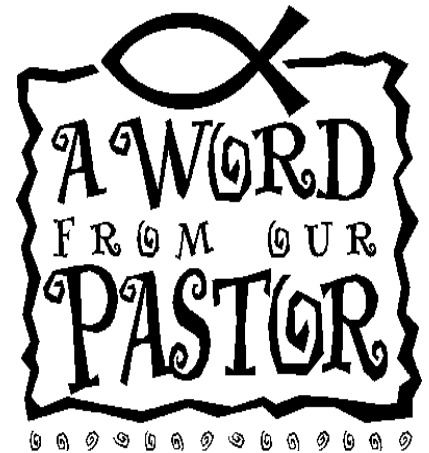
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Have you been watching the news lately? Boy has the world changed! Or has it? Take a look at these cultural statistics and guess the year:

- A moral breakdown occurred in both the public sector and private lives
- Intermarriage between believers and non-believers threatened the identity of the faithful
- Poor people mortgaged their property to sustain themselves through tough economic times, and found themselves foreclosed on
- Divorce was rampant
- Employees were cheated of their wages by employers
- Weekly worship was neglected for the growing demand to engage in business
- Nonpayment of tithes forced pastors to abandon their duties in order to make a living
- An attitude of apathy prevailed that there was no profit in being loyal to the faith



These cultural trends are actually from the year Nehemiah went to Jerusalem to fulfill the vision God gave him to rebuild the wall – 445 B.C.E. Yet how familiar they sound! As Solomon said, "Nothing is new under the sun."

When the faithful are lethargic about the faith, the nation is quick to fall away from the hope that knowing God brings. Nehemiah tells us, though, that we have a mission; we can do something about it. Nehemiah knew what he was talking about for he left a lucrative job full of passion to do what God called him to do.

We, too, are called at FPCD to seek ways to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to our community. As we do that we engage in work which leads people to experience God's love and forgiveness, overcoming all kinds of injustice, immorality, and general discouragement. As we then learn to love God, things like integrity, character, and hope grow.

How do we catch the vision? We are well on the road and God will continue to lead us! So let's keep our eyes on the Master.

See you Sunday!
Ginger

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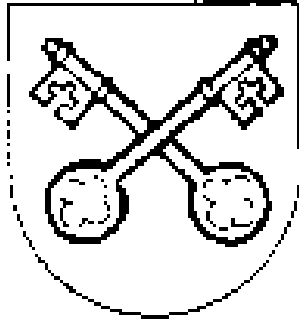
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FROM THE WORSHIP TEAM

From the Worship
Team

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 3:16-19 They are frequently represented by symbols.



The usual symbol for Peter is two keys crossed in the form of the letter “X”. The crossed keys recall Peter’s confession and our Lord’s gift to him of the keys to the kingdom, representing the power to bind and the power to loose. “And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Matthew 16:18-19. Peter’s shield is often displayed with a Latin cross turned upside down representing the traditional story of this death by upside down crucifixion at his request.

Property
Report

PROPERTY REPORT

June 2009

ACTIVITY:

1. After the last heavy rains, there were small leaks noted in sound room. Christian Brothers Roofing are considering what to do next.
2. Lawn mowing and edging continues by church volunteers, Eddie Everett, Grant Everett, Anna Murphy, Nick Peacock, Dean Hertenstein, Lori Glover, Charlie Glover, and Paul Barton. Dick Bergman is maintaining lawn equipment as needed.
3. The flower watering team continues watering & planting.
4. The sidewalk was repaired outside of Fellowship Hall. The railing on stairs outside kitchen will be repaired in July. We checked out an estimate for a wheelchair ramp from parking lot to office entrance. City requirements for this kind of ramp on public buildings really push the cost up, out of our range.
5. The Bartons cleaned out poison ivy in trash can area.
6. Due to water damage some kitchen cabinets will be replaced & a new countertop must be installed. This is scheduled to be done in July.

TO DO:

1. Broken window in one of the primary rooms.
2. Front door on Fellowship hall needs replacement
3. Accordion doors in Fellowship hall need replacement.

We appreciate the thought but....please do not leave items at the church unless they have been requested for a specific purpose, such as furniture, desks, computer equipment, books, toys, etc. We want to keep our church buildings looking neat and clutter-free! Your cooperation is very much appreciated!!

CONGO LIFE

Rain, rain, go away! First it was the Church Picnic and then the Baseball night at the Rangers. Maybe we ought to plan something in July and see if we can't produce some rain for that month. (We will probably hoping for it by then).

Congo Life

Regarding the "rained out game":

Please be advised that it will be made up as part of a Twi-night Double Header on September 1st. I hope you all saved your tickets. You may exchange these tickets for almost any game all season (with some exceptions, i.e. Boston, Dodgers, Yankee games or 4th of July Fireworks show and other special promotion nights). Or you may just hang on to them and exchange them for a comparable seat on September 1st and get to see an extra game. It makes no difference if you didn't show for the game, went and left early, or went and stayed until announcement of the rain out. All you do need is your ticket.



If enough of you want to get together, and turn your tickets back into me, I will exchange them in block format and we can go as a church and sit as a group on September 1st. I think we would need 20-30 people for this to be worthwhile, but I have been assured by the Rangers that they would accommodate such a request.

As for that last paragraph, I have only received 3 inquiries to date about exploring that possibility, but we can continue to keep that option open through the month of July.



The first time event of the "Hello/Goodbye" reception held earlier this month was a huge success based on the feedback we received. I want to thank everyone who participated from those who made sandwiches, helped in the kitchen, set up or cleaned up. Your efforts are recognized and greatly appreciated.

Lemonade on the Lawn has started and with this heat, it is well received. It is always good to socialize a little after worship.



It appears it will be quiet summer for the DeConGo Team. For those planning trips or vacations we wish you well and safe travel. For those just sticking close to home, stay cool. Have a great summer. Do not hesitate to let us know if there is something or some activity you want us to explore. We welcome your suggestions.

Yours in Christ
Dave Bolles

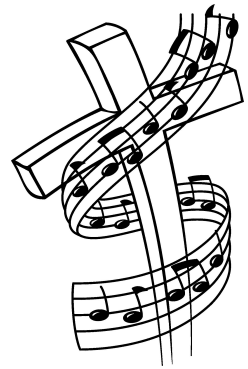
**Music
Camp**

Desoto Presbyterian Church

Music Camp

July 6 - 10th

For more information email Heidi
Yuhanna at hyuhanna@yahoo.com
or by calling her at 972-223-5805.



*Wedding
Invitation*

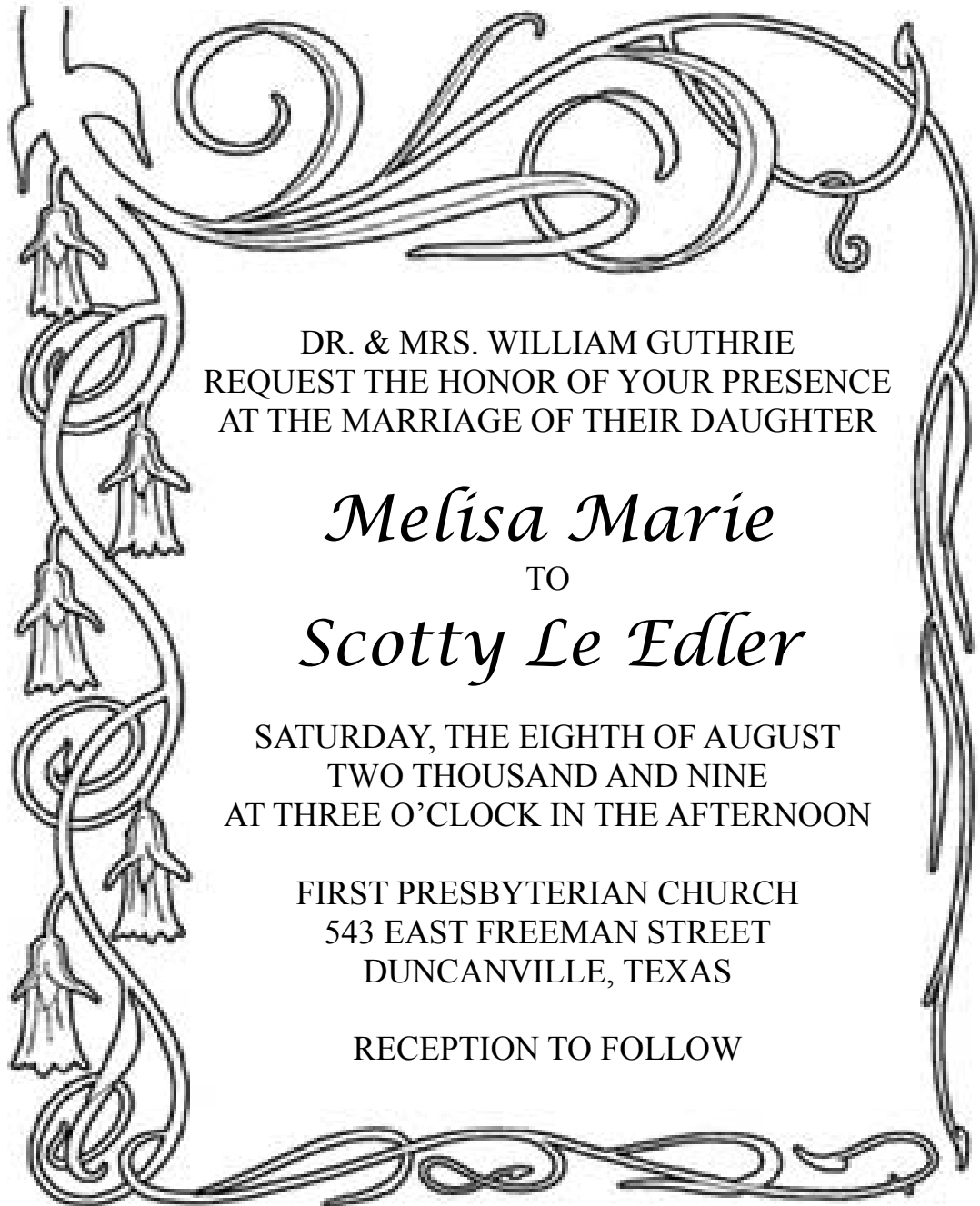
DR. & MRS. WILLIAM GUTHRIE
REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

Melisa Marie
TO
Scotty Le Edler

SATURDAY, THE EIGHTH OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND NINE
AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
543 EAST FREEMAN STREET
DUNCANVILLE, TEXAS

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



HOGY PAGE*Youth All-Stars*

Each month, we feature one of the youth from FPCD's Youth Group.

This month's Youth All-Star is: **Thomas Wylie**

Full Name: *Thomas Joshua Wylie*
 Birthdate: *December 27, 1995*
 Grade: *8th*
 School: *Brooks Wester Middle School*
 Extracurricular: *Band, Whiz Quiz, Karate*
 Favorite Food: *Pizza*
 Favorite Drink: *Dr. Pepper*
 Favorite Color: *Red*
 Favorite Movie: *Star Trek '09*
 Hobbies: *Video games, Reading, Legos*
 Favorite Book(s): *Pendragon Series, Redwall Series*
 Favorite Group(s): *Jethro Tull, U2*
 Favorite Song: *I Will Follow by U2*
 I'm a fan of: *Godzilla*

**HOGY Page**

Something most people don't know about me is: I have a large collection of stuffed animals.

HOGY Mission Trip

The Hands of God Youth will participate in First Presbyterian Church Fort Worth's "Gifts and Passions," (GAPs), program, an urban work camp for youth groups. The dates are July 26th-31st and the cost is \$125 per person. If you would like to get involved with the HOGY Mission Trip, please contact Tom Wylie at wylifam1@earthlink.net, or by phone at; 817.734.1786.

JULY EVENTS**When**

July 5th
 July 12th
 July 19th
 July 26th—Aug 1st

What

NO YOUTH—July 4th Weekend
 Movie Night
 Boat & Float
 GAPs Mission Trip

Where

FPCD
 Joe Pool Lake
 FPC Ft. Worth

GET CONNECTED!**Youth:**

If you are currently in the 7th through 12th grade, the First Presbyterian Youth Group is for you! We meet on Sunday nights at the church from 6:00-8:00pm for Bible study, wild & crazy games, field trips, and of course, food! Contact Tom Wylie for more information at 817.734.1786 or wyliefam1@earthlink.net

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

July 2009

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

July	5	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Gail Haynes, Burle Murphy Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues Darrell Ingram Sandy Gaskins Anna Murphy Sean Russell, Jody Fox Paul Barton, Tom Harmon
July	12	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Donna To, Wendy Jensen Bob Moore, Eddie Cowand Dave Bolles Sandy Wylie Sharon Ingram Sean Russell, Jody Fox Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
July	19	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Mickey & Betty Jespersen Albert Teel Dub Guthrie Sharon Ingram Jocelyn Bolles Sean Russell, Jody Fox Mickey Jespersen, Leo Skinner
July	26	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Dorothy Cleary Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues Doris Metzger Kathleen Hartless Helen Barton Sean Russell, Jody Fox Lori Glover, Jocelyn Bolles

FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
			1 Del & Dorothy Anderson Bryan & Winfred Cook	2 Paul & Helen Barton Bill & Ruth Yingst Doris Metzger	3 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Lenora Dalton	4 Joan Brown Tom & Sandy Wylie Thomas, Katie & Abby
5 Jack & Diane Pegues Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andres & Rachelle	6 Larry & Margaret Lewis Boyd Roberts Connie Steger	7 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	8 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dean & Ginger Hertenstein	9 Norris & Carol McKinney Ryan & Marjorie Ochs Colvin	10 Dorothy Cleary T.J. & Eugene Dudley Austin 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 Melissa, Carol, & Neal	15 Bill Farish Robert & Catherine Eagle Pat Sparr	16 Kevin & Tonya Jespersen Mickey & Betty Jespersen	17 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. Reid Bunger	18 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee Jim & Andrene Hull
19 Tom & Lois Harmon Eunice Pike Jackie Walke	20 Gary & Nita Malone Darrell & Sharon Ingram Jay & Jessica	21 Roy & Wendy Jensen Don & Edie Burquest Dave & Jocelyn Bolles	22 Eddie & Brenda Everett Jocelyn, Natalie, & Grant	23 Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Gary & Linda Simons Rachel	24 Evelyn Pike George & Mary Huttar Teresa Rodrigues	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 Albert & Sara Teel Savannah Bob & Liz Moore Gail Haynes	30 Burle Murphy Susan Murphy Anna Murphy Nicholas & Heather	31 Don & Sheri Trask The Schaefers Carol Orwig	

Christian Education — 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service — 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Group — 6:00-8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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BIRTHDAYS!

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.



T.J. Cleary—7/5
 Lois Harmon—7/8
 Caleb Liddle—7/8
 Peggy Kezar—7/10
 J.R. Hartless—7/14
 Matthew Reed—7/14
 Savannah Baker-Teel—7/16
 June West—7/16
 Neal Guthrie—7/19
 Mickey Jespersen—7/19
 Nancy Innis—7/21
 Stan West—7/29

ATTENDANCE

June 2008	June 2009
1-June-82	7-June-92
8-June-88	14-June-105
15-June-69	21-June-80
22-June-59	28-June-81
29-June-73	

Bookkeeper's Report

May 2009

Receipts	Expenditures
\$21,267	\$15,980

YTD Receipts	YTD Expenditures
\$69,528	\$72,356

Deficit \$2,828
 Total Annual Budget \$173,824

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