

# 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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### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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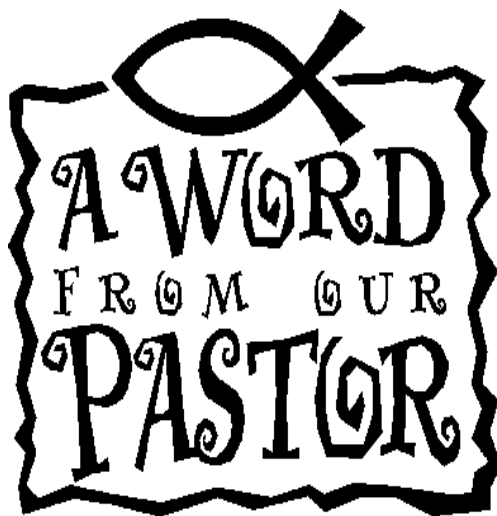
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*"The Epistle" is a monthly  
publication of  
First Presbyterian Church,  
Duncanville, Texas.*



How big is God in your eyes? We sing in worship, "Savior, He can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save." It's one of my favorite songs because it speaks of the miracle-working power of our Lord, One who moves mountains and who longs to save humanity, two miracles indeed! But how do miracles happen? I believe Jesus moves mountains in answer to believing prayer.

I've got a sign in my closet from God. It reads, *If we don't communicate, you haven't got a prayer.* What a catchy reminder to pray for how we go about "moving mountains" and spreading God's redemptive message. Many of you signed up to be a part of doing just that at the ministry job fair last month. Now we'll access God's eternal perspective and unlimited creativity to guide us; a God with a mission, and a purpose for each of us. How exciting to await God's direction, knowing it will be more than we can imagine.

To help us seek God's direction, Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> begins our first prayer meeting, from 6:30-7:15, in the sanctuary, continuing the first Wednesday of each month thereafter. Then in worship, we'll begin an exciting new study of Nehemiah, a man of faith who desired to return to Jerusalem to rebuild its walls when God called His people back from exile. It's an exciting story of faith and prayer, mission and miracle. Who knows? Perhaps as we pray in faith we too will find ourselves on an exciting mission, where a big God produces great miracles.

See you Sunday!  
Ginger

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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 apostles have been symbolized as a group as well as individually. In one place, twelve doves are used; in another, twelve men are shown, each with a sheep. Some very early carvings represent the apostles as twelve sheep.

Congo Life

## CONGO LIFE



May is here and gone already and it was a busy month for the DeaConGo Team. Plans were made but went awash for the Church Picnic at Armstrong Park and a recognition reception was held honoring these years' graduates.

First up in June, is participation at the Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church for a reception honoring 218th General Assembly Vice Moderator Reverend Byron Wade, the Vice Moderator will be meeting with Grace Presbytery at its stated June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting but an opportunity is being afforded the South Dallas area to hear Rev. Wade at 5 PM on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. First Presbyterian Duncanville will be providing soft drinks. This is tentatively followed by our plans for the “Hello/Goodbye” reception on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

June 10<sup>th</sup> is Ranger Baseball night at the Ball Park in Arlington. Texas plays the Toronto Blue Jays at 7:05 PM. Ticket cost is \$4.00 per person and the best part is “its \$1.00 hot dog night”. The Rangers are playing good baseball. Tickets will be available after service on the 31<sup>st</sup> and again on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June.



DeaConGo is looking into July activities and we will publish more as they become solidified.

Yours in Christ!

**PROPERTY REPORT**

May 2009

## ACTIVITY:

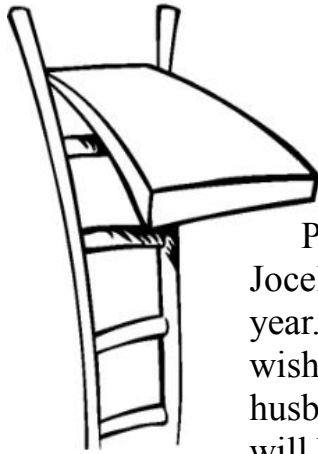
1. The steeple has been repaired by Christian Brothers for \$950. Also cleaned out the gutter there. This should correct the leaks in the sound room, but awaiting another rainstorm to verify.
2. Continuing lawn mowing and edging by church volunteers. Eddie Everett, Grant Everett, Anna Murphy, Nick Peacock, Bobby Reed, Dean Hertenstein, and Paul Barton mowed, edged, etc. Dick Bergman is maintaining lawn equipment as needed.
3. Tom Harmon contributed his small lawn mower to the church, for use in areas where the riding mower is too large. Dick Bergman got it working.
4. The door to the playground from CE classroom was painted by Eugene Jimmerson.
5. Flower watering team continuing watering & planting. (Team: Jocelyn Bolles, Lois Harmon, Bob Harrison, Eddie Everett)
6. Eddie Everett installed a flower box in the lawn alcove near the base of steeple. The flowers are sprouting.
7. Exterminator treated kitchen and storage area, as well as attic area above kitchen.
8. Getting estimate for concrete repair.

## 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
4. Uneven walkway at entrance from parking lot needs repair. This is a safety hazard, especially for our older members and guests.

*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!!*

Property  
Report

**PW  
News****SWIM, SALAD AND SUNDAE  
SUPPER****Thursday, June 4th**

Please mark your calendars for this delicious and fun event. Jocelyn Bolles has graciously invited us to her home again this year. As always, bring a salad to share and come at 6 pm if you wish to swim. This is a good time to make the salad that your husband or kids won't eat and enjoy it in good company! We will be eating at 7 pm and will have delicious ice cream sundaes with whipped cream and toppings for dessert. So please come out for an evening of good food and fellowship.

Ladies, bring a new handbag or purse to donate to a women's shelter. We'll have toiletries (nail polish, tissues, lotion, lipstick, etc.) and we will put together a package for each bag. Let's give a hand (and a handbag) to someone in need.

***Bible Study and Fellowship with PW***

**Our PW Circles meet monthly (except for the summer months of June, July and August).** If you do not currently attend a Circle, please consider doing so. The Circles meet in different homes each month and enjoy Bible Study, prayer, good discussions, desserts and fellowship. There is a daytime and an evening Circle.

The study for the coming year, starting in September, will be the PW Horizon's Bible Study:

**"Joshua; a Journey of Faith", by Mary Mikhael.**

**WORLD MISSIONS**

Below are brief updates on some of our missionary friends. For more information, you can see their latest newsletters posted on the kiosk in the narthex.

From Carlos and Caryn Benitez:

In July we hope to TRAVEL back to Niger! We have almost all of our monthly support, but still are still looking to the Lord to provide for our children's education expenses. We won't be cleared to buy tickets to leave until all of our support is pledged and expenses are covered. The Lord has abundantly provided in the past several months through you! Thank you; and praise the Lord with us for all that He has done and will do!

From Brian and Anja Buuck:

Upcoming furlough in the US: Mid June, we'll be heading north for about half a year. After spending a week in Dallas / Ft. Worth, we'll head west to California, both in order to have some family time at various national parks as well as to visit friends and partners in the southwestern US. We then have plans to make various visits in the northeastern US before ending up in Minnesota by mid August. There we will be staying through the end of the year with plans to have Damaris attend a Christian school for one semester. Then it's back to Mexico for us!

[From a later e-mail: Brian, Anja and four children will be in this area June 19 – 29, and we hope to have them give a brief report to the congregation.]

From Paul and Claudia Griffith:

They flew from Oaxaca, Mexico to Houston on May 14, with plans to visit their sons' families. They were especially looking forward to seeing how their three grandsons are doing. Paul and Claudia come to the U.S. twice a year for family visits.

From George and Mary Huttar:

At the request of the Suriname Bible Society, the Huttars went to Suriname (South America) for two weeks in May to check on the possible need for Bible translation into the language of the Awarak Indians. We look forward to a firsthand report from them this month!

From Jim and Janet Stahl:

The Stahls are off to Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu for a few weeks. They report: "In Papua New Guinea we plan to introduce Bible storytelling to the Bible Translation Association of PNG, a national Bible translation organization (BTA). We've been invited to their national conference to present Bible storytelling as part of the Bible translation process to their staff."

**World  
Missions**

**HOGY PAGE****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: **Charlie Glover**

Full Name: *Charles Allen Glover*  
 Birthdate: *November 15, 1993*  
 Grade: *9<sup>th</sup> (Freshman)*  
 School: *Midlothian High School*  
 Extracurricular: *FFA*  
 Favorite Food: *Chicken Alfredo*  
 Favorite Drink: *Dr. Pepper*  
 Favorite Color: *Blue*  
 Hobbies: *Hunting, Football*  
 Favorite Book(s): *Hank the Cowdog series*  
 I'm a fan of: *Georgia Tech*



Something most people don't know about me is: *I sleep with a stuffed Bevo.*

***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 26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:wylifam1@earthlink.net), or by phone at; 817.734.1786.

***JUNE EVENTS*****When**

June 5th—7th

June 14th

June 21st

June 28th

**What**

Confirmation Retreat

Water Olympics

NO YOUTH—Father's Day

Mystery Night

**Where**

Prairie Valley Presbyterian  
Camp, Whitney, TX  
FPCD

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***GET CONNECTED!*****Youth:**

If you are currently in the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wyliefam1@earthlink.net)

**Adults:**

If you are interested in becoming a youth sponsor, it's a great excuse to act like a teenager again. Come and join us; you'll never be the same! Contact Tom Wylie at 817.734.1786, or [wyliefam1@earthlink.net](mailto:wyliefam1@earthlink.net)

# FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

## June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Del & Dorothy Anderson Bryan & Winfred Cook	<b>2</b> Paul & Helen Barton Bill & Ruth Yingst Doris Metzger	<b>3</b> David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Lenora Dalton	<b>4</b> Joan Brown Tom & Sandy Wylie Thomas, Katie & Abby	<b>5</b> Jack & Diane Pegues Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andres & Rachelle	<b>6</b> Larry & Margaret Lewis Boyd Roberts Connie Steger
<b>7</b> Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston & Tristan	<b>8</b> Paul & Claudia Griffith Dean & Ginger Hertenstein	<b>9</b> Norris & Carol McKinney Ryan & Marjorie Ochs Colvin	<b>10</b> Dorothy Cleary T.J. & Eugene Dudley Austin Allen & Wanda Shipman	<b>11</b> Nadine Doura Ariel & Leah Dick & Nancy Bergman	<b>12</b> George & Billie Cowand David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander	<b>13</b> Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Leo & Marlene Skinner
<b>14</b> Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Dub & Gwen Guthrie Melisa, Carol & Neal	<b>15</b> Bill Farish Robert & Catherine Eagle Pat Sparr	<b>16</b> Kevin & Tonya Jespersen Mickey & Betty Jespersen	<b>17</b> Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. Eric & Amy Slater Cody	<b>18</b> Bobby & Teresa Reed Jim & Andrene Hull	<b>19</b> Tom & Lois Harmon Jackie Walke The Schaefers	<b>20</b> Gary & Nita Malone Darrell & Sharon Ingram Jay & Jessica
<b>21</b> Roy & Wendy Jensen Don & Edie Burquest Dave & Jocelyn Bolles	<b>22</b> Eddie & Brenda Everett Jocelyn, Natalie & Grant	<b>23</b> Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To David & Kathy Barr Genny & Caitlin	<b>24</b> Evelyn Pike George & Mary Huttar Teresa Rodrigues Melody Meistrell	<b>25</b> Bob & Nancy Harrison Eddie & Darlene Cowand Eunice Pike	<b>26</b> Burle Murphy Susan Murphy Anna Murphy Nicholas & Heather	<b>27</b> Irving & Peggy Kezar Steve & Marna Bayless
<b>28</b> Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn & Andrew	<b>29</b> Albert & Sara Teel Savannah Bob & Liz Moore Gail Haynes	<b>30</b> Stan & June West Sara & Matthew Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz				

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.



Tom Wylie—6/3  
 Amber Cleary—6/5  
 Jason Covarrubias—6/7  
 Chase Austin—6/10  
 Kent Glover—6/11  
 Katherine Liddle—6/11  
 Nancy Harrison—6/14  
 Susan Murphy—6/17  
 Nita Malone—6/21  
 Felicia Smith—6/29

## ATTENDANCE

### May 2008

2-May-68  
 9-May-69  
 16-May-69  
 23-May-93  
 30-May-65

### May 2009

3-May-72  
 10-May-91  
 17-May-106  
 24-May-79  
 31-May-84

## Bookkeeper's Report

### April 2009

Receipts  
 \$11,071

Expenditures  
 \$15,785



# **WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**June 2009**

## **10:30 A.M. SERVICE**

<b>June</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Greeters:</b> <b>Ushers:</b> <b>Liturgist:</b> <b>Children's Church:</b> <b>Nursery Volunteer:</b> <b>Tech Team:</b> <b>Tellers:</b>	<b>Helen Barton, Bob Moore</b> <b>Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues</b> <b>Mickey Jespersen</b> <b>Helen Barton</b> <b>Gail Haynes</b> <b>Sean Russell, Jody Fox</b> <b>Paul Barton, Tom Harmon</b>
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