

# First Presbyterian Church

## EPISTLE

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

**June 2010**

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### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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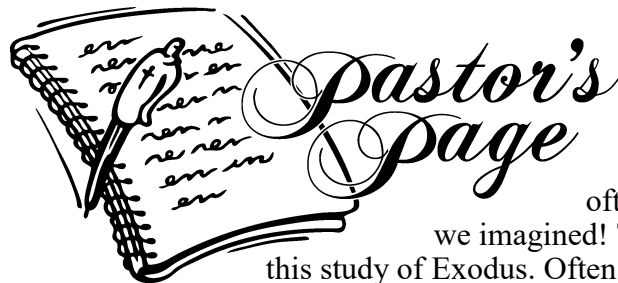
**Sandy Gaskins,**  
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Assistant/Bookkeeper

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Soundroom Technician

**Susan Seamans,**  
Accompanist

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God's Word is the best. So often we define God by our own feelings and emotions, but when we read God's story in the Bible we often find God's just a little different than we imagined! That's the way it's been for me through this study of Exodus. Often we think of God as far away in heaven and busy running things. But how near we have found God to be, and how interested in our everyday lives. God was with the Israelites day by day, guiding and providing, and also teaching them what's expected. I've loved learning that the Ten Commandments are couched in a loving relationship with our heavenly Father. That puts them in a whole new light, and makes following them something I feel much more motivated to do. How about you?

Speaking of the Ten Commandments, we learned they are not simply a moral code, but more of a lifestyle of discipleship; a natural outgrowth of God's Spirit within us. You are reflecting that Spirit in your love for this church, as you have worked inside and out on the building the last 40 days. It looks marvelous – new carpet, fresh paint, clean cabinets and windows, broken stuff gone, new doors, new furniture, new flowerbeds in the works. If I named everyone involved in the building updating, I would have to include at least 50 names! God is present with us and He must have set this priority in your hearts because boy, have you been motivated!

Now that we've got half the building done, let's ask God to help us finish the job. What is hard for a few can be accomplished by all of us together. It will be our effort; the effort of this 21<sup>st</sup> century generation to make it a reflection of our commitment and stewardship. It shows our enthusiasm for a great future for FPCD. This month some folks from the Presbytery visited to check out the "health" of the church. The elders bubbled over with excitement saying, *we are a small but mighty church, loving God, growing as disciples, and taking our place in the community.*

God, you see, is not far away, busy with other tasks. But God is totally interested in FPCD and in you. God will see us through in ways we cannot imagine. How exciting to be a part of it.

See you Sunday,  
Ginger

## NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR INTERN!

### New Choir Director Intern



Andrew and Ashley grew up in Richardson, TX, went to Berkner High School, and attended Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church where they were married this last December.

Andrew is 23 years old, and has graduated from UNT with a bachelor's degree in music and computer science. He is currently working on his master's degree in choral conducting, also at UNT. He sings, plays viola, composes, and arranges. He also enjoys hiking, camping, rock-climbing, racquetball, and skiing.

Ashley just graduated from UNT *summa cum laude* with bachelor's degrees in violin performance and music education. She is very excited to have her first teaching job as the assistant orchestra director at Blalack Middle School in Carrollton ISD.

### Deacons News

## Deacons News

We've mentioned before about the Deacons Dinner this Fall, which will be held on Saturday September 11. Following the dinner, we're planning a "Memories Night" whereby every family attending will be given the opportunity to show 5-8 picture slides of their family from the past. Tom Harmon and Paul Barton will collect pictures from all families in advance and put them on a powerpoint presentation. As the pictures are shown, each family will tell about their photos (AFTER y'all have had a chance to guess who the couple/person is!) This should be very entertaining as anyone will be permitted to ask questions, make comments, etc.

So, think about what photos you would like to use. Please plan to give your photos to Paul or Tom by mid August. This will be a fun night! Just think of the changes in hairdos and the kinds of clothes your family wore way back when!



### Attendance

### Bookkeeper's Report

## ATTENDANCE

## BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

April 2009	April 2010
5-April-82	4-April-115
12-April-111	11-April-79
19-April-91	18-April-80
26-April-93	25-April-87

April 2010	
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
\$20,483	\$21,656

# Congo Life

The Congo Life Team is busy with springtime activities including the commencement of the Lemonade on the Lawn socials after worship service. Volunteers are always welcome for this venture and a sign up sheet is in the Narthex for anyone wishing to participate. You need a large table set up outside (just ask one of the "guys" to assist), mix up some lemonade and bake some cookies. (The store-bought kind are great too!) If you have about five minutes just before the end of worship and another five minutes to put things away afterwards, please consider participating. Since we have had such good comments about this activity, we plan to do this every Sunday after worship, weather permitting, beginning May 30.



Congo  
Life

This spring has also seen a reception for five of our youth group graduating seniors which was held after church on May 16. Next up, and by the time you read this, we will have cheered on the Rangers at the Ball Park in Arlington against the LA Angels. About 67 tickets were sold and the Rangers won with a great turnout!

Our calendar of upcoming events includes an international pot-luck luncheon following the worship service on Sunday, June 13, as a farewell for the Liddles who are moving to Germany, and a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, August 21. We will be having appetizers at several homes first, then moving on to a main course meal at the homes of other volunteers, and then back to Fellowship Hall for coffee, dessert and some fun entertainment. Watch for a sign-up sheet soon for this activity as we need to plan ahead and have enough homes available. We will of course assist the Deacons with their dinner on September 11<sup>th</sup> which will also have a unique program.



October 16 is the tentative date set for a family night supper and Halloween Costume Event held in Fellowship Hall. So start thinking about those goblin and ghost outfits or any other attire you care to dress up as and let's have some fun.

**COSTUME  
Party**



Mark your calendars for the dates noted, and watch the weekly bulletins and other newsletter for future dates. Please contact Jocelyn, Helen, Tom or myself for any additional questions or if you would like to volunteer to help with any of these programs. To quote the old adage, "many hands, make light work" and we always welcome the participation. Until the next time!

Yours in Christ,  
Dave Bolles

## H<sub>ands</sub> O<sub>f</sub> G<sub>od</sub> Y<sub>outh</sub> HAPPENINGS

HOGY  
Happenings

### June Bible Studies:

June 6	2 Mothers 1 Baby	1 Kings 3:2-20	Donna Jackson serving
June 13	Queen of Sheba	1 Kings 10	Anna Murphy serving
June 20	NO MEETING		
June 27	Jezebel	1 Kings 31	

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## Hands Of God Youth HAPPENINGS continued

### HOGY Happenings continued

If you'd like to prepare a snack supper for the HOGY, just sign up on the sheet on the Youth room door. Thanks, we appreciate all you do for us. Please pray for us as we continue our search in finding the perfect Youth Director/Pastor for us. - Lori Glover and Anna Murphy.

Senior Sunday was May 16. We honored our 5 Seniors, representing Duncanville, Mansfield and Red Oak High Schools. Pictured from left to right are: Nicholas Peacock, Sarah Brack, Amber Porter, Allison Jackson and Roland Truax. Congratulations to all of you and may the Lord be with you on your new and exciting adventures and challenges!



Thanks to everyone who assisted with the HOGY Baked Potato Bar by providing needed items or donating generously. And a special thanks to those (David Liddle, Helen Barton and Dennis Walters) who jumped in to assist us during our kitchen emergency. Thanks to your help, no major damage was done to the range or kitchen.



We prepared and money raised will be served 60 potatoes. The used towards Summer Mission Trip expenses. We are currently scheduled to participate in the Summer Visiting Youth program at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, downtown Dallas, the first week of August. We will be teaming up with Pastor Tom Wylie from Idaho Falls First Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Tom will be traveling with about 10 youth and 2 adults, arriving on Sunday, August 1. The group will be housed at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian downtown, Sunday night-Thursday night. The Idaho Falls group hopes to stay over until Sunday, August 8, thus we are seeking housing for the group for Friday and Saturday nights as well as help with some group meals. This might even become three nights, to include Sunday night, August 8.

Depending on the actual number of days they will be in Duncanville, we also need help with group meals for Friday & Saturday nights, picnic lunch for Saturday and lunch on Sunday. If you are available to help with housing and/or meals, or donations to help off-set these costs, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Anna Murphy at 972-977-1172.

Again, **THANKS** to everyone for the support you give to the **HOGY**.

# June 2010

First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville, Texas

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# **WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

## **June 2010**

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

June 6	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Eddie Cowand, Sharon Ingram Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues Scott Hartless Lori Glover Sydney Russell Sean Russell Paul Barton, Tom Harmon
June 13	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Bob Moore, Eddie Cowand Helen Barton Anna Murphy Lois Harmon Sean Russell Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
June 20	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Gail Haynes, Burle Murphy Albert Teel, Bob Moore Joan Brown Sandy Gaskins Sharon Ingram Sean Russell Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
June 27	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Mickey & Betty Jespersen Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues Tom Harmon Sharon Ingram Jocelyn Bolles Sean Russell Mickey Jespersen, Leo Skinner





# FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

## June 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Winfred Cook Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. Bob & Liz Moore	<b>2</b> Paul & Helen Barton Ruth Yingst Doris Metzger	<b>3</b> David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Lenora Dalton	<b>4</b> Joan Brown Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle John Alsop	<b>5</b> Jack & Diane Pegues Boyd Roberts Connie Steger Malcolm Perrault
<b>6</b> Larry & Margaret Lewis David & Evelyn Hertenstein Dudley Austin	<b>7</b> Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, & Logan, Weston, & Tristan	<b>8</b> Paul & Claudia Griffith Dean & Ginger Hertenstein Dorothy Cleary	<b>9</b> Carol McKinney Ryan & Marjorie Ochs Colvin & Georgia	<b>10</b> Albert & Sara Teel Savannah 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 Neal	<b>15</b> Bill Farish Pat Sparr Don & Edie Burquest Burle Murphy	<b>16</b> Kevin & Tonya Jespersen Mickey & Betty Jespersen Susan Murphy	<b>17</b> Eddie & Brenda Everett Jocelyn, Natalie, & Grant Don & Sheri Trask	<b>18</b> Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee	<b>19</b> Tom & Lois Harmon Eunice Pike Christy Cowand Brandon
<b>20</b> Gary & Nita Malone Darrell & Sharon Ingram Jessica	<b>21</b> Roy & Wendy Jensen Robert & Catherine Eagle Michelle Petersen	<b>22</b> Jim & Andrene Hull Dave & Jocelyn Bolles	<b>23</b> Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Jim & Pam Loyd	<b>24</b> Evelyn Pike George & Mary Hutter The Schaefers	<b>25</b> Bob & Nancy Harrison Eddie & Darlene Cowand	<b>26</b> Stan & June West Sara & Matthew Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
<b>27</b> Irving & Peggy Kezar Steve & Mama Bayless Keith & Gail Haynes	<b>28</b> Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew	<b>29</b> Gary & Linda Simons Rachel Simons	<b>30</b> Carol Orwig Anna Murphy Nicholas & Heather			

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education  
Worship Service  
Youth Group

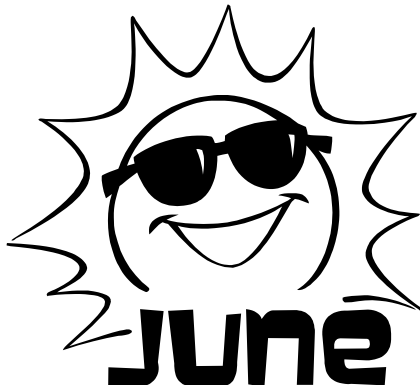
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— 10:30 a.m.  
— 4:30-6:00 p.m.

## 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.



Rachel Simons—6/7  
Kent Glover—6/11  
Katherine Liddle—6/11  
Nancy Harrison—6/14  
Susan Murphy—6/17  
Nita Malone—6/21