



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 our Elder—Tom

Who Will Pick Up the Slack?

We have a "saying" in Rotary that "you can only say 'no' once." When might that be? Of course, it's when you're issued an invitation to join. If you say "yes", you're hooked!, You're then expected to participate in all service and all other activities of the club. In other words, you say "yes" to everything you're asked to do, to participate in all activities of the club and to attend all weekly meetings (there are ways to make-up for meetings missed). Realistically, of course, everyone can't participate in all activities! But, it does get the point across that everyone is expected to be an active member and to do their share. If this weren't the case, we couldn't do the service projects that are expected of us—we do projects in the local community, overseas (I was recently in Nicaragua and in the recent past I was involved in projects in Mexico, India and Africa.), and even in other states. You can bet that there are all sorts of Rotary clubs involved in the disaster in Moore, Oklahoma. Nobody wants to be known as a RINO, i.e., Rotarian in Name Only. It's quite a task to put out almost 1,000 flags on five major holidays, but we do it. Someone always steps up to get the job done!

In our church, we often say that 20% of the people do 80% of the work. That's said for most churches, volunteer organizations, etc. But it doesn't have to be that way. If everyone just did their fair share, not only would the work get done, but there would also be a better sense of camaraderie. It's amazing how much work can be done when everyone pitches in.

Since three active families are moving from our church soon to be closer to their children, we'll have to examine ourselves and decide what we can do to pick up the slack. The work that has to be done in this church will not change. I hope that everyone will volunteer to do at least one more thing. I would hope that everyone prays about this matter and seriously seeks God's guidance. I'm sure that your prayers will be answered. God wants our church to be a leader in this community. Let's all turn it over to Him! And do what He says!

~ Tom Harmon



Words from Worship

"Ordinary" time—REALLY?

Is our daily life with God ever "ordinary?" Well, of course not—how could life powered by the Spirit of our extraordinary God within us ever be just ordinary?

But we do think of some parts of the year as "special": Advent-Christmas-Epiphany, and Lent-Easter-Pentecost. So in contrast to those special times, now that we've just celebrated Pentecost (May 19), we're now in "ordinary" time in the Church calendar. That happened for several weeks in January and February, but this time it's for six months—through November (since Advent starts on December 1 this year).



So do we do anything special from now till Advent? Well, as a church, not a lot. You might see more **green** (a symbol of **hope**) around (like in the on-line edition of this newsletter) instead of red or white or purple. But mostly this is an occasion to faithfully follow our Lord, aware that he is in all the ordinary times and ordinary things, even the routines, of our lives, not just in the big things. And as always, we can expect him to act in our lives and throughout the world in extraordinary ways—and sometimes to expect extraordinary things from us! It's a good time to be "ordinary" about our time spent talking to and listening to God, making that part of our lives a soon indispensable part of our daily routine. We might find that he is not always just "routine". Hold steady, persevere, and enjoy the adventure!



Father's Day Performance

June 16—10:30 am

FPCD's Boys Youth Choir performs in honor of father's.



	Receipts	Expenditures
April 2013	\$28,351	\$17,872
YTD 2013	\$104,629	\$75,991
Total Annual Budget:		\$240,342

JUNE 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.

Vanessa Cordova—6/11
Kent Glover—6/11
Katherine Liddle—6/11

Susan Murphy—6/17
Nita Malone—6/21
Devon Mullican—6/22

Missions News

Usually this page is from news from someone who is bringing the Gospel to a language or people group that has not heard that good news yet. This month I would like to tell you of the most unevangelized group in the world. It is not a group from some remote place in the third world or a hidden place in a primitive country. This group is found in all the world's countries, even in modern cities. They will never read a Bible, hear a sermon, listen to a gospel recording, tune into a Christian radio or TV station or watch the Jesus film with understanding. They are the last to hear about spiritual things. They are the deaf.

With great joy and celebration, Suresh unveils the Kerala sign language Bible



How can that be? Why can't the deaf read the many versions of the Bible that are so available today? That was my first question, too. Those of us who hear take that gift so for granted. But the written word is based on sound. Remember how you learned the sounds of letters--like *-at*, *-ad*, *-an*--and combined them with other letters to make words like *man*, *ran*, *pan*, *cat*, *hat*, *sad* and *mad*. That takes hearing. If a child is born deaf or becomes deaf before becoming literate, learning in that way is impossible. Reading becomes a gigantic task; every word is like learning a telephone number. It is true that some brilliant deaf make it, but the gospel is not only for the brilliant.

The heart language of the deaf is sign language. It is a rich, highly visual language with hand movements, facial expressions, eye gazes and shoulder positions. Over 130 distinct sign languages have been confirmed in the world, but there may be over 400 distinct languages when the counting is complete. There are distinct dialects also. In countries that speak the same language—Mexico and Spain for example—the sign languages are very different. Even Spain itself has two sign languages.

Bible translation has begun in about 50 sign languages. Much of the work is similar to that of spoken languages, but the final format is very different. Sign language translations ultimately must be done in video. Besides the time and technical difficulties involved in editing a video, there are problems finding signers for the work. To deal with these challenges a team at JAARS (Wycliffe's technical arm) was asked to create special software to capture the movements of signing and transfer them into 3D animated characters. Working with others in the field, personnel from Silicon Valley, Los Angeles, and Dallas, they collaborated to create photo-real 3D sign language animations that even can incorporate characters, historically accurate clothing and scenery into the video.

This special software can also be used with inexpensive equipment; it's a tool anyone in the deaf community can use. Making the Scriptures available enables them to realize that they weren't just an accident. For when God spoke to Moses in Ex. 4:11*, He took responsibility for making them who they are. And if God values them, he certainly wants to speak (or sign) to them in their language—as Pentecost has just reminded us.



If you would like to learn more, look at: www.wycliffe.ca, click Resources, Word Alive, Summer 2009. This issue of Word Alive is dedicated to the ministry to the deaf. (The URL is http://www.wycliffe.ca/wycliffe/ck_assets/admin/files/wam/wam_2009_summer.pdf.)

*The LORD said to Moses, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

Conversation with God & Storytelling – Summer Series Wednesdays, 6:00 – 8:15 pm



Throughout June we continue our study, begun on May 22, of Samuel, Saul, & David—ordinary people like us. This series includes exciting stories of faith! Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, & 26 we meet for Conversations with God, with Jim & Janet Stahl, and Pastor Ginger, to hear and internalize these stories to see where they intersect with our stories, bringing transformation. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm, followed by the study at 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm, and storytelling at 7:15-8:15 pm.

Presbyterian Women News

First of all, we thank everyone who participated in the Plant and Flower Sale which PW held on April 21. You brought lots of beautiful flowers and delicious baked goods and then you shopped! We're happy to report that approximately \$675 was raised for local and other mission projects of PW.

The Women's Fellowship Groups will as usual not meet in the summer but will resume in September. We are happy to report that Connie Steger will serve as the new leader of the Agape Fellowship.



Early in May we bade goodbye to Helen and Paul Barton, who have moved to Keller. Helen, we thank you for your leadership in Presbyterian Women for years and years, from October Retreats at Prairie Valley to Mini-Retreats in Waxahachie. You have brought leadership and have worked hard on so many PW activities. Farewell, good friend!

DEACONGO ACTIVITIES

June 2, 23, & 30 -- Lemonade on the Lawn

June 9 -- Graduation Reception following church service

June 16 -- Third Sunday Potluck luncheon highlighting Poverty Awareness



TUESDAY, JUNE 18, RANGERS game at the Ballpark in Arlington. Texas Rangers vs. the Oakland Athletics. Game time is 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$11.00 each and are available for purchase Sunday's before and after worship. Contact Dave Bolles for more info.



4TH of JULY

Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets to celebrate with FPCD and the Duncanville community this Fourth of July!

Line-up of events:

9:00 am—Lions Club Annual 4th Parade

4:00 pm—Family Activities in Armstrong Park

Dark (9:30ish)—Fireworks show! The best place to see the show is at FPCD!

The *Ellis Junction Jazz Orchestra*, conducted by Eddie Cowand, performs live on the lawn from 7:30 pm—until the firework show.

This year the church would like to offer (FREE) **Hot Dogs, Chips, and Water** to those who gather to watch the show. If you can donate any of those items, please contact Anna Murphy via e-mail (almurphy1214@gmail.com) or telephone (972-977-1172).

If you can assist with providing ice chests, cooking the hot dogs, set-up & take-down of tables, trash patrol, food monitoring, restroom monitoring, and distributing information cards about the church, please contact Anna.

June 2013

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FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

June 2013

Remember each other in daily prayer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
2 Roy & Wendy Jensen Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	3 Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal Deborah Titus	4 Andrew & Ashley Dittman John Steve Netniss Donna To	5 Roy & Wendy Jensen Eddie & Darlene Cowand Dean & Ginger Hertenstein	6 Connie Steger Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Carol Orwig Tom & Lois Harmon	7 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Steve & Marna Bayless Charles Tyer	8 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. Jack & Diane Pegues Carol McKinney
9 The Liddle's Gary & Nita Malone John Alsop Sheri Trask	10 The Buuck's Miguel & Fanny Penaloza Andrew Watts	11 The Walters' Bill & Vangie Jackson Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah & Aeris	12 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa	13 Paul & Claudia Griffith Pat Sparr Jossue & Alan Peralta	14 Sam & Charlotte Fithian Malcolm Perrault Jim & Janet Stahl	15 Jamie & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason
16 Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant Barbara Notari	17 David Hertenstein Evelyn Christy Cowand Brandon	18 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee The Schaefers	19 Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz Gary & Linda Simons Rachel	20 Ruth Yingst Doris Metzger Dick & Nancy Bergman	21 Evelyn Pike George & Mary Huttar Dave & Jocelyn Bolles Keith & Gail Haynes	22 Dorothy Cleary T.J. & Eugene Julia McConnell Nicole Martinez
23 Billie Cowand Joan Brown Winfred Cook Bob & Liz Moore	24 Burtle Murphy Susan Murphy Anna Murphy Nicholas	25 Mickey & Betty Jespersen Larry & Margaret Lewis	26 Jim & Andrene Hull Leo & Marlene Skinner	27 Don & Edie Burquest Bob Harrison Darrell & Sharon Ingram	28 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake	29 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle Jim & Pam Loyd
30 Albert & Sara Teel Dudley Austin Boyd Roberts Paul & Helen Barton						

YOUTH GROUP — 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE—JUNE 2013—10:30 AM SERVICE

June 2
 Greeters: Janet Stahl, Jocelyn Bolles
 Ushers: Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
 Nursery Volunteer: Lois Harmon
 Tellers: Lori Glover, Bob Harrison
 Communion Servers: Eugene Jimmerson, Mary Huttar, Tom Harmon, Marna Bayless, Dave Bolles, Edelmira Ruiz

June 9
 Greeters: Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
 Ushers: Albert Teel, Eddie Cowand
 Nursery Volunteer: Jocelyn Bolles
 Tellers: Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

June 16
 Greeters: Donna To, Wendy Jensen
 Ushers: Albert Teel, Irving Kezar
 Nursery Volunteer: Anna Murphy
 Tellers: Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis

June 23
 Greeters: Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson
 Ushers: Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
 Nursery Volunteer: Erin McGinnis
 Tellers: Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner

June 30
 Greeters: Anna Murphy, Lori Glover
 Ushers: Eugene Jimmerson, Jack Pegues
 Nursery Volunteer: Sydney Russell
 Tellers: Lori Glover, Bob Harrison