



# First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

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

## *From Session - Scott Hartless*

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Every once in a while, I have to revisit some life lessons – vitally important lessons.

Let me share some examples.

1) To be done effectively, most things in life need to be learned and done repetitively. For example: we can brush and floss our teeth twice daily for decades, but if we stop one day and say "There! That ought to do it," it wouldn't be long before our teeth would begin to decay. This illustration presents a timeless principle that we don't need breakthrough knowledge as much as we need faithful repetitive action of knowledge we already have. I bet you might put daily Bible reading next to brushing your teeth as a good example of this principal.

2) Money is an all time big topic for Jesus. I remember saying to my father "If I had more money, I would have a better plan." He quickly responded, "I would suggest that if you had a better plan, you would have more money." You see, it's not the amount that counts; it's the plan that counts." Then dad asked how much money had I saved and invested (I was 40 at the time.) "None". He then asked, "Who sold you on that Plan?" Glad he didn't ask about my church contributions. This also goes for putting "things" back where they came from so that you can find them when you are looking for them – repetition.

3) The principal of putting things back in the same place from whence they came can be lifesaving, or a

killer. Let me tell you about a flight I had in an F-4 Phantom Jet. Pilots have an exercise they do called "Blindfold Cockpit Check." It's a simple game – put on a blindfold and have your partner state a switch, instrument, handle, etc. which you must identify by touching the correct item and position. Well, coming back home on a thoroughly boring cross country, our Air Cycle Machine came apart and caused a fire. NOT GOOD! The acrid cockpit environment cased my eyes to involuntarily shut tightly. Guess what – I now have to put the knowledge of where things are in the cockpit as if I was blindfolded. We were able to depressurize the plane – declare an emergency – land and get the bird fixed and be on our way. Repetition knowledge was literally a life saver!

To pull this together:

The Bible gives us an extensive list of human stories on both sides of the ledger. One list of human stories is used as examples for us – do what these people did. Another list of human stories is used as warnings – don't do what these people did.

So, If you should be asked how goes it - I certainly hope you can say you were an example – not a warning.



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### **Esther Bible Storytelling Project**

Jim and I spent Easter this year in India launching a women's Bible storytelling project. Some of our colleagues asked, "Why would Seed Company organize a Bible storytelling project specifically for women?" Many people instinctively believe this is the right thing to do at this time. There is a growing global awareness of how women around the world are marginalized, meaning they have little access to health care, good food, education, and are often the target of violence and abuse.

And freeing the oppressed is a passion of our God. He told the Israelites to remember him as the God who heard their cries and brought them out of slavery in Egypt. And Jesus announced in the synagogue that the time had arrived for the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy:

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon me  
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,  
that the blind will see,  
that the oppressed will be set free,  
and that the time of the LORD's favor has come." (Luke 4:18-19 NLT)

So when our senior leader asked if we would be willing to work with partner organizations in India to run a project for training women to craft Bible stories in their languages and tell them around their communities, we agreed.

The project involves women from six language groups, only one of which has a NT already translated into their language. And we are training six Indian women to staff the project as trainers, managers and Bible story translation checkers. In this part of India, the illiteracy rate among women is in the single digits, and over 65% of the women and children suffer from malnutrition.

Since we held the first workshop over Easter, we thought it was fitting to start with the story from John about Mary Magdalene finding the tomb empty and then meeting Jesus standing outside of the tomb. He told her to go and tell his brothers that, "I am ascending to my father and your father, to my God and your God." (John 20:17b NLT) And she did. She found the disciples and said "I have seen the Lord." (NLT) And he is alive! (Janet's addition).

We are privileged to be a part of a project that helps women to understand that they have a legitimate place in God's kingdom and that the Bible is full of stories of women like Mary Magdalene who served God in amazing ways. Thanks for helping us to serve God through the Bible storytelling among those without access to the Bible.



*Jim & Janet Stahl*

Challenge to the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church Duncanville  
From faithful supporter Vicki Jones

**"High Five"**

Add an extra five dollars to the church offering or tithe each month.

The blessings we receive as we trust. Watch and give thanks.

*PW News*

**Announcement  
Circle Meetings Off for the Summer**

Sarah and Agape Circles will take the summer off and begin again in September.

See you then!

*Joan & Connie*

## *The Epistle 4*

### *Ranger Night at the Ballpark*

Our annual Ranger Night at the Ballpark will be Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Rangers vs. Detroit Tigers. This will also be Dollar Hot Dog Night. Tickets are \$14.00.

Please contact Dave Bolles to reserve your tickets.



"Whoops, Pastor. Looks like now we have stained grass."



"Mrs. Johnson, Jimmy's over here again, asking for sanctuary."



# FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

June 2014

Remember each other in daily prayer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Winifred Cook Larry & Margaret Lewis	2 John Alsop Joan Brown Keith & Gail Haynes Julia McConnell	3 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake	4 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	5 Bob Harrison Darrell & Sharon Ingram	6 Paul & Jen Schaefer Caleb, Micah, Josiah, & Sarah	7 David & Katherine <u>Liddle</u> Caleb, Jonathan Malcolm Perrault
8 Carlos & <u>Caryn</u> <u>Benitez</u> Andrés & Rachelle Bob Moore	9 Connie Steger Dudley Austin Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael	10 Susan Murphy Anna Murphy Mickey & Betty Jespersen	11 Paul & Helen Barton Miguel & Fanny <u>Penaloza</u> Steve Netmiss	12 Nadine <u>Daum</u> Ariel, Leah, <u>Aeris</u> & Benjamin Carol McKinney	13 Steve & <u>Mama</u> <u>Bavless</u> Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant	14 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee Pat <u>Sparr</u>
15 Dean & Ginger <u>Hertenstein</u> Morgan Hall	16 Charles Tver Jim & Pam <u>Loyd</u> Wanda Shipman Dave & Jocelyn <u>Bolles</u>	17 Roy & Wendy Jensen The <u>Buick's</u> George & Mary <u>Huttar</u>	18 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dorothy Cleary Ruth <u>Yingst</u>	19 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Sam & Charlotte <u>Fithian</u>	20 Irving & Peggy <u>Kezar</u> Angel, Brandon, <u>Cyleigh</u> , Devon, & Elyssa	21 Jamie & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason
22 Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Leo & Marlene Skinner	23 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew	24 Billie Cowand Gary & Nita Malone Barbara <u>Notari</u> Tom & Lois Harmon	25 David <u>Hertenstein</u> Evelyn Eddie & Darlene Cowand	26 Carol Orwig Christy <u>Cowand</u> Brandon Evelyn Pike	27 Gary & Linda Simons Albert & Sara Teel Dick & Nancy Bergman	28 Eugene & <u>Armelia</u> Jimmerson <u>Adelmo</u> & <u>Edelmira</u> Ruiz
29 Scott & Kathleen <u>Hartless</u> J.R. Jack & Diane Pegues	30 Doris Metzger Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal Bill & <u>Vangie</u> Jackson					



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First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville, Texas

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## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**June 2014**

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

June 1	Greeters:	Eddie Cowand, Doris Metzger
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Sydney Russell
	Tellers:	Lori Glover, Brenda Everett
	Communion Servers:	Darrell Ingram, Doris Metzger, Brenda Everett, Jocelyn Bolles, Eugene Jimmerson, Dub Guthrie
June 8	Greeters:	Jocelyn Bolles, Janet Stahl
	Ushers:	Albert Teel, Eddie Cowand
	Nursery Volunteer:	Erin McGinnis
	Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
June 15	Greeters:	Vanessa Cordova, Jason Cordova
	Ushers:	Albert Teel, Irving Kezar
	Nursery Volunteer:	Jocelyn Bolles
	Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
June 22	Greeters:	Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
	Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Anna Murphy
	Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner
June 29	Greeters:	Billie Cowand, Leo Skinner
	Ushers:	Eugene Jimmerson, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Erin McGinnis
	Tellers:	Lori Glover, Brenda Everett

## 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](mailto:info@fpcd.org). Thank you.

Rachel Simons, June 7  
 Vanessa Cordova, June 11  
 Kent Glover, June 11  
 Katherine Liddle, June 11  
 Susan Murphy, June 17  
 Nita Malone, June 21  
 Devon Kezar, June 22  
 Felicia Smith, June 29



	Receipts	Expenditures
April 2014	\$17,373	\$17,857
Jan-Apr	\$81,538	\$71,292
2014 Total Annual Budget:		\$243,607
Budget per month		\$ 20,301

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.