



First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

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

From your Session

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This is the year of my 80th birthday and 50th wedding anniversary. (Nancy & I were married in Nigeria in an Episcopal church by a Methodist minister from Dublin, Ireland.) This gives me a reason to look back at the 70 plus years I have been a believer. I thank God for so many, many things, but what have I learned that is important enough to share with you?

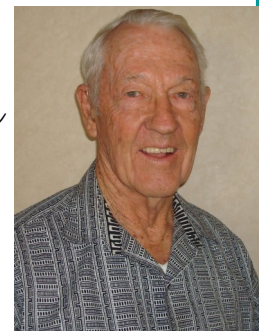
One of the conclusions I have come to about the Christian life is that maturity only comes as a result of difficulties. It is only when you face serious problems that you discover the power of God as it relates to YOUR life. Peter wrote: "These trials are only to test your faith, to show that it is strong and pure...and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold. So, if your faith remains strong after being tried by fiery trials, it will bring much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world."

What have been my most difficult trials? Suddenly becoming responsible for the survival of the family farm at 17 and dealing with the loss of all our milk cows to disease and crop failure from drought; being a Field Director in Nigeria when some 40 of us were expelled in 1976 for unfair political reasons; again as a Field Director in Sudan in the '80s, dealing with working where there is a long term civil war; dealing with personnel problems of staff under me.

This church is now one area of my service to God and I pray that the church will grow in depth and numbers. When I see the problems we face as a church, I should not fret. God's will for me is to be found faithful in my personal life as I continue my walk with Him. My favorite professor in Bible College put it like this, "Never be satisfied with your spiritual life." The Biblical principle that God's power is usually limited when things are not right in our own life should not be taken lightly.

Reaching out with the gospel in America is much harder than it used to be or in Africa today. I talked with Dr. Peterson (who spoke May 3rd) about how hard it is for a small church to grow. He feels Americans typically view church with a consumerism attitude, i.e. that they are free to pick and choose what is enjoyable and satisfying just like they choose movies or a particular brand of whatever with little realization of a need for serious commitments of time and money. We have a difficult task but God is at work in the world today.

Dick Bergman



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Church News & Celebrations

Summer Small Group Bible Study

Please join Darrell and Sharon Ingram this summer as we lead an 8-12 week Bible Study on The Parables. We will meet at the Ingram's or other homes Sundays at 6:00pm. We'll have dessert and conversation from 6:00-6:30 and then study The Parables from 6:30-7:30. Let Sharon know if you would like to join them (469-774-7997) one Sunday or all of the Sundays. Our first Sunday will be June 14.

Help Wanted

Sharon Ingram is very interested in resuming Good News Club at Cielo Ranch Apartments in Duncanville, but needs a little help from time to time. When Sharon is out of town there is no one to lead club. She has plans to be out of town 5 weekends through the end of the year so would only need someone to lead once or twice if we have a few people who will fill in. Club meets from 10am-11am Saturday mornings at the apartments just a few miles from church and Lorraine Cordova faithfully lends a hand with snacks and helping the kids stay attentive. Please pray about assisting occasionally with this ministry to teach these children God's message of love. If you want to help, please call Sharon at 469-774-7997.

Dale Walters earns Eagle Scout Ranking

Dale Walters achieves scouting's highest rank of Eagle. The Walters family became involved with BSA while they were living in Duncanville. Dale in Troop 493, Andrew Gary in Pack 493 and dad Dennis, a trained leader in the troop. Once they returned to China, they continued scouting as Lone Scouts under Dennis' leadership. As a result, both boys have been able to continue their scouting adventure and advance in rank. In many cases they have had to be creative in the way they accomplished achievements necessary to advance. Congratulations, Dale on a job well done!



Honoring this Year's Graduates

On Sunday, May 31st we honored our newest graduates: Edu Almeida, Grant Everett, Brittany Hensley, Sydney Russell and Rev. Dr. Ginger Hertenstein.



Dick & Nancy Bergman Invite You to help them Celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary



*You are warmly invited to the
50th Wedding Anniversary
celebration of
Dick & Nancy Bergman*

July 11, 2015

2 - 4pm

**International Linguistics Center, Activities Building
Dallas, TX**

(and)

July 16, 2015

2 - 4pm

**Guelph Community Center
Guelph, ND**

*Come and join us at either event as we
celebrate over 50 years of God's blessings!*

(See reverse for accommodation options)

No Gifts please

Dallas Accommodation Options

HILTON GARDEN INN

www.dallasduncanville.hgi.com

BEST WESTERN PLUS

www.bwduncanville.com

SIL GUEST HOUSE

(\$33/night, dorm-like lodging, no children)

(for reservations, mention "Bergman 50th")

Housing_Dallas@sil.org

ND Accommodation Options

(mention "Bergman 50th")

HARVEST INN HOTEL-Oakes

www.harvestinnhotel.com

TWIN PINES INN-Oakes

twinpinesinn@drtel.net



Cook's Corner

Lemon Cheesecake Bars from Linda Simons



This recipe can be made with just a full-size food processor to save on cleanup.

Crust layer:

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter, cold
2 cups flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup packed light brown sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt

Cheesecake layer:

8 oz. cream cheese, room temperature
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
1 egg
2 Tbsp. milk
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. vanilla

Lemon Layer:

4 large eggs
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup lemon juice
zest of one lemon, in very small pieces
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup flour
a couple drops of yellow food coloring, if desired

Preheat oven to 325 degrees and prepare a 9X13 baking pan by spraying with oil spray or lining with foil.

Crust layer: In a food processor, combine cold butter, flour, brown sugar and salt. Pulse until butter is incorporated and mixture looks like corn meal.

Pour into the 9x13 inch pan, smooth out with hand, then use a flat-bottomed cup to press down and even out. Bake for 12 minutes. Remove from oven.

Cheesecake layer: Wipe out (but don't wash) food processor and use to combine cream cheese, and sugar. Process until smooth and creamy. Add the egg, milk, lemon juice, and vanilla. Pour cheesecake over warm crust, tip pan to make sure batter gets to all corners.

Bake for 15 minutes. Remove and reduce oven to 300 degrees.

Lemon Layer: Rinse out food processor bowl, but no need to dry. Add eggs, sugar, lemon juice, lemon zest, flour and food coloring until combined. Pour slowly and carefully over the warm cheesecake layer so as to not breakup the cheesecake layer. Bake for an additional 25-30 minutes until lemon layer is set. Remove from the oven and cool.

For serving, bars are good refrigerated, and can be sprinkled with powdered sugar for a nice touch. Be prepared when asked for the recipe!



FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

June

Remember each other in
Daily Prayer

2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Jeff & Nyadia Thorpe Bryan & Caden Jim Loyd Wanda Shipman	2 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake	3 Billie Cowand Gary & Nita Malone Barbara Notari	4 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	5 Bob Harrison Darrell & Sharon Ingram	6 Gary & Linda Simons Albert & Sara Teel Dick & Nancy Bergman
7 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dorothy Cleary Carol McKinney	8 Roy & Wendy Jensen The Buuck's George & Mary Huttar	9 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn & Andrew Gary & Candice Morris	10 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb & Jonathan Paul & Helen Barton	11 Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael Mickey & Betty Jespersen	12 Dave & Jocelyn Bolles Pat Sparr Steve & Marna Bayless	13 Jack & Diane Pegues Ruth Yingst Dean & Ginger Hertenstein
14 John Alsop Joan Brown Julia McConnell Keanu Mahlum	15 Charles Tyer Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant	16 Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Leo & Marlene Skinner	17 Paul & Jen Schaefer Caleb, Micah, Josiah, & Sarah	18 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa	19 Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal Bill & Vangie Jackson	20 Connie Steger Keith & Gail Haynes Dudley Austin
21 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Sam & Charlotte Fithian	22 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	23 Jaime & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason	24 Miguel & Fanny Penaloza Susan Murphy Anna Murphy	25 Doris Metzger Tom & Lois Harmon	26 David Hertenstein & Evelyn Eddie & Darlene Cowand	27 Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah, Aeris & Benjamin
28 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle	29 Winfred Cook Larry & Margaret Lewis. Heather, Erin & Christian	30 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee	1	2	3	4



As a Father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. Psalm 103:12

June 2015

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting	2	3 6:30 PM Think Tank Meeting 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting	5	6 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Stated Presbyterian Meeting - FPC Tyler
7 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Communion	8	9	10 6:30 PM Youth Group 6:45 PM Finance Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	11 8:30 AM Community Prayer Gathering - Location TBD 1:00 PM Agape Women's Fellowship 7:30 PM Sarah Women's Fellowship	12	13
			Pastor Ginger on Vacation- Rtrn 6/22			
14 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Guest Speaker Debby Efurd	15 1:00 PM "New Beginnings" Grief Support Small Group Newsletter Articles Due	16	17 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20
			Pastor Ginger on Vacation- Rtrn 6/22			
21 <i>Happy Father's Day!</i> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Help Support Duncanville Outreach — Bring Pastor Ginger	22 The Sandwich Project ----- Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless	23	24 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	25 8:30 AM Community Prayer Gathering - Location TBD 6:30 PM Session Meeting	26	27
28 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM 4th Sunday Worship with the Youth	29	30	<div> <div> May 2015 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 </div> <div> Jul 2015 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 </div> </div>			

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE
June 2015
10:30 A.M. SERVICE

JUNE 7

Greeters:	Darlene Cowand, Anna Murphy
Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
Nursery Volunteer:	Jocelyn Bolles
Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
Communion Servers:	Darrell Ingram, Edelmira Ruiz, Leo Skinner, Connie Steger, Jaime Cordova, Margaret Lewis

JUNE 14

Greeters:	Eddie Cowand, Doris Metzger
Ushers:	Eddie Cowand, Dub Guthrie
Nursery Volunteer:	Anna Murphy
Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis

JUNE 21

Greeters:	Vanessa Cordova, Jason Cordova
Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
Nursery Volunteer:	Susan Murphy
Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner

JUNE 28

Greeters:	Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, 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. 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



2015 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
April	\$12,195	\$17,290
Jan - April 2015	\$75,058*	\$73,351

*Note - January 2014 through April 2014 giving was \$81,538. In comparison to **2014**, the giving for **2015** is down by \$6,479.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.