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

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Summers are often thought of as the time to take a break. Rush hour traffic slows; no children to watch for in crosswalks. It's time to put away the studies, replacing them with sleeping in and movies and sipping lemonade by the swimming pool.



Those things are certainly appealing! Except . . . I sure wouldn't want anyone to put away the Bible, or miss Sunday School, or youth group, or hearing our awesome choir in worship. So just in case you thought we might be taking a break around here, let me assure you that's not the case!

In fact, we've added some ways you can connect more fully to God. As we are learning, God speaks and it's great to be in on what God has to say. So we've set aside some time to gather together on Wednesday evenings for dinner and to "have a conversation with God."

Those of us who participated in the first Conversation heard a magnificent message of love. Jesus loves us, just like his Father loves him, he says. Sometimes Jesus' love seems so great we feel we could never measure up. But amazingly Jesus says *just live in me and you will get there*. You will be fruitful. That means as we "make our home in him" Jesus begins to flow through us to others. And, as we stay close to him, obedience becomes a full life of joy.

How good to know that no matter how many changes hit our lives, no matter how unstable the world around us may be, we are safe and secure when we live near the Lord Jesus. Have you shared his love with your neighbor lately? Invite them over for a glass of lemonade. Or invite them to join you on Wednesday night for a Conversation with God. Or even invite them to worship on Sunday. Then share God's love! It's the greatest news ever.

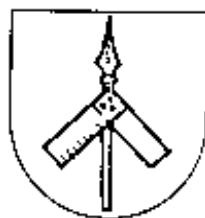
See you Sunday,
Ginger

WORDS FROM WORSHIP

Words from Worship

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 The scriptures inform us that James was the first of the disciples to die a martyr's death, and indeed the only one whose manner of death is exactly known. Acts 12:2 informs us that James was martyred for the faith by way of a sword.



He was ready to die with Jesus when Christ went to Jerusalem, but is best remembered for doubting the Resurrection until allowed to touch Christ's wounds. Preached in Parthia, Persia and India, though he was so reluctant to start the mission that he had to be taken into slavery by a merchant headed that way. He eventually gave in to God's will, was freed, and planted the new Church over a wide area. He formed many parishes and built many churches along the way. His symbol is the builder's square, from an ancient story that built a palace for King Guduphara in India.

DeConGo Life News

DeConGo Life News

Wow, almost half the year gone already! We all enjoyed the International reception for the Liddles and hearing David tell us of their plans. It does sound exciting to venture forth taking on new and challenging work. The Liddle family will surely be in our prayers and thoughts as they plan and execute their move to Germany. May the assignment be everything they hope.

Lemonade on the Lawn is now in full swing. With this hot weather upon us already it is always appreciated. Don't forget the sign up sheet in the Narthex if you wish to participate in this venture. Make a little lemonade, buy/bake some cookies and “voila” you have the fixings for some great after church fellowship!



Mark your calendar for August 21st when, for the first time in a long time, we will hold a Progressive Dinner. We are looking for volunteers to host/hostess the courses for the function. Dessert, coffee, and tea will be served back at the church in Fellowship Hall. We plan on having a little fun with a game called “Bingo.” You know the “call out a number and fill the card game.” You probably haven't played it in a while, but it is like riding a bike, you don't forget how. Sign up sheet coming soon!

FPCD Celebrates on Sunday, July 4th

As most of you have noticed, a lot of things have changed at our church. We have a renewed desire to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and to trust in God. We believe that through prayer, all things are possible. The Session has made a commitment to make our church a strong witness for Jesus Christ in our community.



We have accepted many challenges during the last year. We have painted and renovated our Christian Education classrooms and our office areas and library. We have purchased new furniture and replaced carpet in these areas as well. We have cleaned and organized and tried to make our facilities look well-kept and inviting to all.



The session recognizes that our congregation needs to better reflect the demographics of our community. Therefore, we are investigating hosting an ESL program two days a week which will be taught and overseen by Mountain View College. In addition, Pastor Ginger and the session have been working with Dr. Willie Peterson, a seminary professor and an expert in multi-cultural ministries. Dr. Peterson has a recognized International Speaking ministry across Africa, Europe, India, and S.E. Asia. He is helping us learn how to take steps toward making our congregation more diversified.

Things are changing at FPCD and **we want YOU to be a part of it.** This is a very exciting time in the life of our church. On Sunday, July 4th we will celebrate all that we have accomplished as well as to look ahead to the many new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for us.

Festivities begin at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with breakfast breads and pastries, fruit, juice and coffee. We will enjoy fellowship together as we rejoice in what we have accomplished together and make plans for continuing our improvements. We would like to hear your suggestions as to how we can move forward as we strive to make our church a place that will draw people and reflect the love of God. As Pastor Ginger has told us many times in her sermons, God is present and powerful. Once we are connected to God, all things are possible. Please join us for our very own special Fourth of July Celebration at FPCD!!



FPCD
Celebrates

Attendance

ATTENDANCE

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

Bookkeeper's
Report

May 2009	May 2010
3-May-72	2-May-78
10-May-91	9-May-80
17-May-106	16-May-100
24-May-79	23-May-103
31-May-84	30-May-79

May 2010	
Receipts	Expenditures
*\$25,666	\$22,916
YTD deficit is \$4,349	
Total Annual Budget is \$203,100	
* This includes memorial giving	

HOGY
Happenings

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July Bible Studies:

July 4	NO MEETING	
July 11	Queen Esther	Movie— <i>One Night with the King</i>
July 18	Daniel and King Nebuchadnezzar	
July 25	Daniel and the Lion's Den	



Rev. Tom Wylie, First Presbyterian Church-Idaho Falls, will be traveling to the area, with seven youth and three adults, arriving on August 1, to participate in the Summer Visiting Youth Program at first Presbyterian Church Dallas. Five of FPCD youth are signed up to participate in this program with FPCIF youth. The group will be housed at First Presbyterian Church Dallas, Sunday—Thursday night.

The Program focuses on homelessness, inner-city children, domestic violence, and aging. During the week they will serve meals at the Bridge (Stewpot); serve as junior counselors for the week at a summer day camp program for inner-center children; tour a women's shelter and learn more about domestic violence; tour a facility and play with the children of a day care center for homeless children; and tour and visit with residents of Grace Presbyterian Village.

The group will be staying at FPC Dallas Sunday-Thursday. Since the Idaho Falls group will be staying over until Sunday, August 8, we are seeking housing for them for Friday and Saturday nights as well as providing group meals. We will need meals on Friday & Saturday nights, picnic lunch on Saturday \and lunch on Sunday. Host families are also asked to provide breakfast for your house guests. If you are available to help with housing, 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**.

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.



Linda Simons—7/2
Lois Harmon—7/8
Caleb Liddle—7/8
Peggy Kezar—7/10
J.R. Hartless—7/14
Matthew Reed—7/14
Savannah Baker-Teel—7/16
Neal Guthrie—7/19
Mickey Jespersen—7/19
Larry Lewis—7/28

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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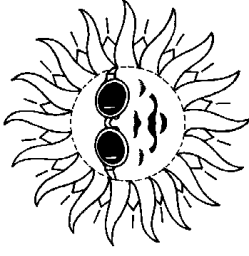
10:30 A.M. SERVICE

July 4	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Dorothy Cleary Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues Darrell Ingram Kathleen Hartless Helen Barton Sean Russell Lori Glover, Bob Harrison
July 11	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Tom Harmon, Doris Metzger Bob Moore, Eddie Cowand Doris Metzger Savannah Baker-Teel Joan Brown Sean Russell Paul Barton, Tom Harmon
July 18	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Helen Barton, Bob Moore Albert Teel, Bob Moore Dave Bolles Margaret Lewis Anna Murphy Sean Russell Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
July 25	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Lori Glover, Bob Harrison Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues Dub Guthrie Helen Barton Gail Haynes Sean Russell Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis



FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

July 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
4 Joan Brown Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle	5 Jack & Diane Pegues Boyd Roberts Connie Steger Malcolm Perrault	6 Larry & Margaret Lewis David & Evelyn Hertenstein Dudley Austin	7 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	8 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dean & Ginger Hertenstein	9 Carol McKinney Ryan & Marjorie Ochs Colvin & Georgia	10 Albert & Sara Teel Savannah Allen & Wanda Shipman
11 Nadine Doura Ariel & Leah Dick & Nancy Bergman	12 George & Billie Cowand David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander	13 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Leo & Marlene Skinner	14 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal	15 Bill Farish Pat Sparr Don & Edie Burquest Burle Murphy	16 Kevin & Tonya Jespersen Mickey & Betty Jespersen Susan Murphy	17 Eddie & Brenda Everett Jocelyn, Natalie, & Grant
18 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee	19 Tom & Lois Harmon Eunice Pike Christy Cowand Brandon	20 Gary & Nita Malone Darrell & Sharon Ingram Jessica	21 Roy & Wendy Jensen Jim & Pam Loyd James and Beth Ann Black	22 Jim & Andrene Hull Dave & Jocelyn Bolles	23 Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Robert & Catherine Eagle	24 Evelyn Pike George & Mary Huttar The Schaefers
25 Bob & Nancy Harrison Eddie & Darlene Cowand	26 Stan & June West Sara & Matthew Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	27 Irving & Peggy Kezar Steve & Mama Bayless	28 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew	29 Gary & Linda Simons Rachel Simons Keith & Gail Haynes	30 Carol Orwig Anna Murphy Nicholas & Heather	31 Dorothy Cleary John Alsop Don & Sheri Trask Michelle Petersen

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education
Worship Service
Youth Group
— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.
— 4:30-6:00 p.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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What's Happening in Children's Sunday School?

Sunday mornings at 9:15 children at FPCD have great opportunities to get to know famous people and fascinating events from the Bible. **Do you have a young friend you could bring to Sunday School?**

In June we have been going on Abraham's Journey with God. One Sunday out on the church grounds we hiked from Haran to Shechem, in Canaan, to far away Egypt and back to Canaan with Abram, and with water! We've listened to God's promises to Abram, repeatedly given to him at different situations. We heard part of the story each week, each time in a different way, using art, and music and drama. God kept His promise to Abraham and He will keep His promises to us . . . in His time!

In June we enjoyed making memory books for Jonathan and Caleb Liddle whose family will be moving away later this summer. We will miss them greatly.

In July, we'll hear the stories of Isaac and Rebekah's twins Jacob and Esau. We'll see what God taught Jacob, and we'll think about getting along with others.

The Children's Planning Team puts lots of thought and preparation into Sunday School. We thank everyone who has taken a turn teaching.

