



# 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—Steve**

FROM: The Gatesville Messenger and Star Forum:  
Gatesville, Texas, Friday, March 28, 1941

### **Religiously Speaking**

**By Edward S. Bayless**

From a church in San Antonio comes a new idea for the wording of a church budget.

Instead of the flat "pastor's salary," members read in their bulletin that they are contributing: For the preaching of God's Word in its Richness and Beauty, for leadership in the work of the Kingdom, and for Pastoral Care."

Where ordinarily one would state, unromantically, that a certain sum is necessary for "Janitor's pay," this church calls it: "For keeping God's house neat and orderly."

"Utilities" sounds cold in a church budget, even if it includes wood and coal. But you feel even the gas bill is a part of worship when you say, as these folks do, that the money spent here is: "For keeping our house of worship lighted, warm, and supplied with conveniences, insured and in repair."

Education in Christian life and conduct is such an essential that few of us need any more to be "sold" on the idea of a Sunday school; but this budget makes it even more alluring with these words:

"For the education and training of our children, our neighbors and ourselves."  
On the side of benevolences, similar terminology adds dignity an appeal to otherwise drab figures.

"Foreign Missions" will draw a gift from anyone who believes in them; but even the casual observer sees the need for cooperation in the gigantic task of "Extending the Kingdom among 36 million people in six countries beyond our own boundaries."

The work of home missions sounds close enough to home; but patriotism combines with Christian stewardship to make a man dig deeper to give money which will be devoted to "Telling the Gospel Story in our Home Land that America may be Christian."

The whole list is not headed "Budget for the New Year."

Rather one reads that these items present "an opportunity to make our church a better instrument for God's use through our gifts."

And the sum is listed as the "Total Challenge for the Next Year's Work."

Hats off to a church smart enough to think of a new way to present an old subject.

This matter of giving to the work of the church is vital to the survival of Christianity, and needs a new dress now and then.

*~ Steve Bayless*



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## *News from Worship*



### **Movie in the Park**

Armstrong Park at 8:30 pm

Fridays, July 19, 26, August 9, 23, September 6 & 20.

Bring your families, coolers, blankets and enjoy a family friendly movie in the Park on a beautiful Texas Night!

For additional information visit [www.duncanville.com](http://www.duncanville.com)

### *Praise Dance Performance!*

*By the FPCD Youth*



**July 28—10:30 am**

### **JULY 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.

Linda Simons 7/2  
Bill Jackson 7/5  
Lois Harmon 7/8  
Caleb Liddle – 7/8  
Peggy Kezar – 7/10  
Alan Peralta – 7/10  
Deborah Titus – 7/11  
JR Hartless – 7/14  
Matthew Reed – 7/14  
Savannah Teel – 7/16  
Neal Guthrie – 7/19  
Mickey Jespersen – 7/19  
Nicole Martinez – 7/24  
Larry Lewis – 7/28



	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
May 2013	\$11,699	\$20,002
YTD 2013	\$116,328	\$95,993
Total Annual Budget:		\$240,342

# Missions News

## From the Benítez' – Walking by faith

### Remote assignment decision

Thank you for praying with us about our decision on whether or not to return to Niger this summer. We wanted to return to Niger, but realistically it was not the best thing for our family or for the translation project at this time. Niger was “home” for almost 14 years, and we treasure the memories, experiences, and friendships that we made there. Over 15 years ago, it was difficult to step out in faith and take our first steps toward work in a foreign country. In the same way, it is difficult for us to step out in faith now, change course and look toward serving God through the new opportunities He has for us.

In the meantime, we are still involved in Bible translation in Niger. For the next year we will be “remotely assigned.” This means we will still do the same kinds of tasks we would do if we were in Niger without being physically present there. Carlos will continue to work on his PhD dissertation and will help the translation by addressing linguistic issues and proofreading the texts.

At the same time, Caryn is working on documentation of the language (important for the language speakers and for future work). This fall, she hopes to take a media training course here at JAARS (a partner organization of Wycliffe). She is looking towards combining her gifts and experiences to help translation teams develop the right media and strategies for presenting the Scriptures in language communities.

Thankfully, our children have had good attitudes through all of the recent changes in their lives. AJ finished his junior year at Parkwood High School with top marks, and plans to graduate from there next year. In a big change from homeschooling, Rachelle will be attending fifth grade at Waxhaw Elementary School next year.

### Pray for Niger

Please continue to pray for Niger. There have been a couple of terrorist-linked attacks in recent weeks. In addition, because of damage to the main power supply line from Nigeria (unrelated to terrorism), our colleagues are experiencing water shortages and extreme power cuts. Pray for the believers to stand firm and live lives of integrity amidst difficulties and persecution. We are thankful that the translation team we helped train is learning to work without us. They just checked portions of Exodus. Keep praying for them!



### Thank you for your faithful partnership

Because of God's provision through you, we have been blessed abundantly. Officially we still need more financial partners before we can begin a “new” assignment, here or anywhere else. We are looking forward to seeing how the Lord will provide.

Visit FPCD July 14!

## Christian Education

On June 9th the children's Sunday School classes joined together to have a mini farewell party for long-time teacher Lois Harmon. Lois and her husband are moving away from Duncanville to be near their grandkids and will be leaving a big hole behind! Lois has influenced many children who attended her classes over the years, always urging them to learn Scripture verses and to know the stories of the Bible.

Over the summer all children's classes are joining into one as we study the Ten Commandments. We are using music, videos, and craft projects to learn a children's version of the Ten Commandments:



1. Worship no god but me.
2. Do not make an idol to worship.
3. Don't misuse the name of the Lord your God
4. Worship and rest on God's holy day.
5. Respect your parents.
6. Do not murder another person.
7. Always be faithful to your husband or wife.
8. Do not take anything that isn't yours.
9. Do not lie; tell the truth.
10. Don't want what others have.

Teachers are working together with the large joint group, and also covering for each other during times of vacation or travel. By the time school starts in late August, we hope each student can recite the Ten Commandments and understand how they apply to each of us in everyday life.

*~Linda Simons*



## FPCD YOUTH

The Closet has an exciting summer ahead! The students' school year is over and we are headed full swing into our summer activities.

This month we are tackling some tough lessons during Youth Group on Wednesdays. We will be doing a four week series about the Bible. The series kicks off with "What is the Bible?" and "How Can We Trust It?" where we will be exploring exactly what the Bible is and where it came from. After that, we are looking at what the Bible says about predestination and trusting Jesus in "Predestination and Choices" and "Trusting in Christ." This series will give the students a basis from which to build on when it comes to the Bible, and it will give them a new perspective on Christianity's holy book. We encourage you to come out and join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm; the students enjoy it and your presence is appreciated. Contact Steve Netniss if you would like to visit us on Wednesdays.

One of the most exciting times for the youth is when we go on our yearly mission trip. This year from July 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> we will be in Dallas spending a week at First Presbyterian Church Dallas. There we will be volunteering in the church's Summer Day Camp program as well as serving at the Stewpot and more! The youth love the program; in fact many of the students have participated in this program more than once. The youth are very excited for the opportunity to serve their community and they are all hoping to grow in their faith during the trip.

This summer the youth are going to have a pool party one Sunday a month after church. This will give us more time to relax, kickback, and enjoy each other's company! If you would like to provide the youth with lunch and a pool after service on selected Sundays, please contact Steve Netniss or Lucy Russell.

The Closet has a busy summer ahead and July is only the beginning! We are excited for what is to come and look forward to enjoying our summer and exploring our faith with our peers.

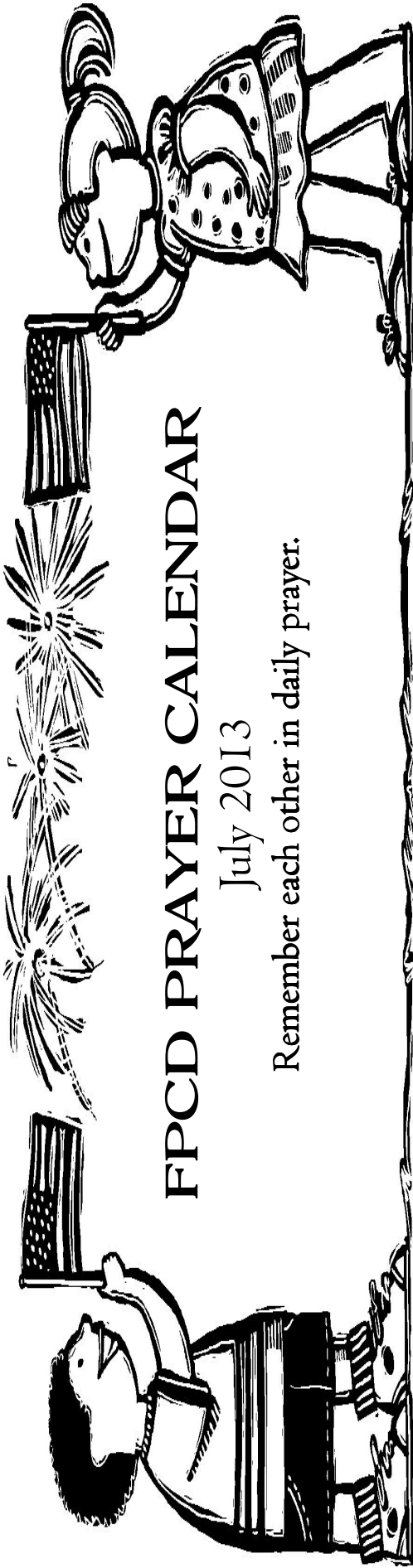
Sincerely,  
Lucy Russell,  
Youth Intern



## July 2013

First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville, Texas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 5:15 PM Deacons Meeting 6:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting	<b>2</b> 2:00 PM "New Beginnings" Grief Support Small Group	<b>3</b> 6:00 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM -7:15 PM Prayer Gathering	<b>4</b> 7:30 PM Live Band - Ellis Junction Jazz Orchestra, and Fireworks at dusk <i>Independence Day - Office Closed</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
				Deborah Titus Vacation July 3 - 10		
<b>7</b> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Communion	<b>8</b> 6:30 PM Thinktank Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:00 PM Youth Group 6:45 PM Finance Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Deborah Titus Vacation July 3 - 10						
<b>14</b> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Benetiz' Speak	<b>15</b> Newsletter Articles Due	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:15 PM Youth Praise Dance Rehearsal 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Liturgist Training	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM Session Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Presbytery Meeting at FPC Tyler
July 14-19 Youth Mission Trip at the Stew Pot, Dallas						
<b>21</b> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM <i>Missions</i> Sunday - Install Elders Potluck	<b>22</b> Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00 PM Youth Group 6:15 PM Youth Praise Dance Rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Youth Praise Dance Dress Rehearsal Time-TBD
<b>28</b> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Youth Praise Dance Performance Poverty Awareness Sunday	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:00 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	<div> Jun 2013  S M T W T F S    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 </div> <div> Aug 2013  S M T W T F S      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>		
Pastor Ginger Study Leave July 28 - August 10						



# FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

July 2013

Remember each other in daily prayer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Albert & Sara Teel Larry & Margaret Lewis Charles Tyer	<b>2</b> Leo & Marlene Skinner Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson	<b>3</b> Darrell & Sharon Ingram Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R.	<b>4</b> Billie Cowand Sheri Trask Connie Steger Andrew Watts	<b>5</b> David Hertenstein Evelyn Jack & Diane Pegues Morgan Hall	<b>6</b> Burle Murphy Susan Murphy Anna Murphy Nicholas
<b>7</b> Malcolm Perrault Jim & Janet Stahl Jim & Andrene Hull Roy & Wendy Jensen	<b>8</b> Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant Bill & Vangie Jackson	<b>9</b> Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee Allen & Wanda Shipman	<b>10</b> David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake Carol Orwig Tom & Lois Harmon	<b>11</b> Gary & Linda Simons Rachel Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah, Aeris, & Benjamin	<b>12</b> Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz Deborah Titus Sam & Charlotte Fithian	<b>13</b> Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa
<b>14</b> Don & Edie Burquest Christy Cowand Brandon The Schaefers	<b>15</b> Mickey & Betty Jaspersen Barbara Notari John Alsop	<b>16</b> Dean & Ginger Hertenstein Miguel & Fanny Penaloza	<b>17</b> Jamie & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason	<b>18</b> Dudley Austin Boyd Roberts Joan Brown Bob & Liz Moore	<b>19</b> Eddie & Darlene Cowand Carol McKinney The Buuck's	<b>20</b> Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle Jim & Pam Loyd
<b>21</b> Winfred Cook Bob Harrison Paul & Helen Barton Steve Netniss	<b>22</b> Evelyn Pike George & Mary Huttar Dave & Jocelyn Bolles Keith & Gail Haynes	<b>23</b> Dorothy Cleary T.J. & Eugene Julia McConnell Nicole Martinez	<b>24</b> Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal	<b>25</b> Paul & Claudia Griffith Pat Sparr Jossue & Alan Peralta	<b>26</b> Andrew & Ashley Dittman John Donna To	<b>27</b> Ruth Yingst Doris Metzger Dick & Nancy Bergman
<b>28</b> Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew	<b>29</b> Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	<b>30</b> David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Gary & Nita Malone	<b>31</b> Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Steve & Marna Bayless			

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE—JULY 2013—10:30 am SERVICE

## July 7

Greeters: Doris Metzger, Tom Harmon  
 Ushers: Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues  
 Nursery Volunteer: Valerie Cordova  
 Tellers: Teresa Reed, Joan Brown  
 Communion Servers: Anna Murphy, Sandy Gaskins,  
 Leo Skinner, Sharon Ingram,  
 Scott Hartless, Vangie Jackson

## July 14

Greeters: Eddie Cowand, Sharon Ingram  
 Ushers: Albert Teel, Eddie Cowand  
 Nursery Volunteer: Darlene Cowand  
 Tellers: Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis  
 Tellers: Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

## July 21

Greeters: Youth  
 Ushers: Albert Teel, Irving Kezar  
 Nursery Volunteer: Jocelyn Bolles  
 Tellers: Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner

## July 28

Greeters: Janet Stahl, Jocelyn Bolles  
 Ushers: Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues  
 Nursery Volunteer: Anna Murphy  
 Tellers: Lori Glover, Bob Harrison

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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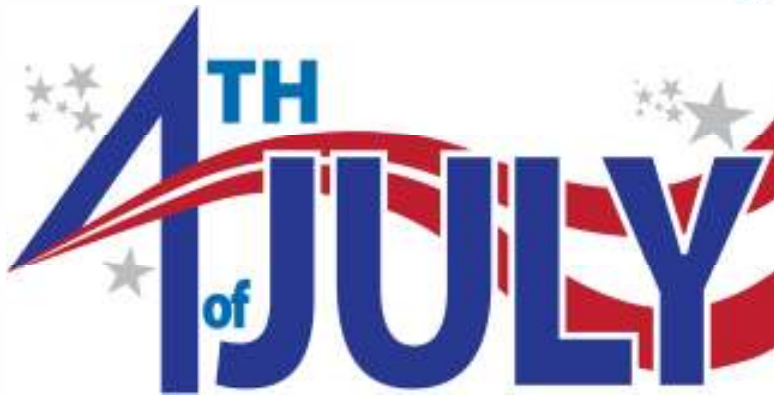
## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:30 p.m.





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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.