



First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

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

From Session - Sharon Ingram

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I was thinking about First Presbyterian Church's mission statement ("Connecting with God and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the community") and determined that we, as a church, are doing pretty well connecting with God through our worship, our music, our Sunday School studies and personal time alone with God, but I feel that we can continue to improve on our "community mindedness". Definitions of being community minded are 1) to enhance the community well being, 2) to be concerned with the well being of the community and 3) be interested in helping the wider community.

We provide shelter sandwiches and help Duncanville Outreach, but the question I asked myself: is there more that we can do? Well, the answer is yes! First Presbyterian has recently approved requests to host a Community Choir lead by our own Matthew Lee and a Children's Choir lead by Nyadia Thorpe, a recent teacher at Byrd Middle School. These two choirs and their music are a wonderful way that FPCD can be even more "community minded". FPCD hosted a booth

at the Juneteenth Festival at Armstrong Park on June 14 to share information about these two choirs and Adelmo Ruiz's Bible Study in Spanish. It was a great opportunity to meet and have conversations with people in our community. We handed out many fliers about the choirs and the Bible Study and are hopeful that we will get a great response and through these opportunities be used by God for His work in Duncanville.

I encourage you to share with YOUR community about these choirs and Bible Study in Spanish and be as "community minded" as you can be.

Sharon Ingram



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This month we received some exciting news from the Benitez family:

As a result of your prayers through this time of transition, by faith we are headed back overseas to a new area of the world. We accepted an invitation to work in Asia, based out of Chiang Mai, in northern Thailand. Our focus remains the same: training and supporting mother-tongue translators from unreached people groups. From Thailand, we will continue to help the translation team in Niger as well.

We hope to be in Thailand before school starts for Rachelle in August 2014. The timing could be tricky, because AJ has to move into his college dorm the day after Rachelle is supposed to start school in Chiang Mai.

We are thankful for the strong team of prayer and financial partners that has been a blessing to us over the years. Pray with us for a few more partners, because in order to begin our work in Asia we need to have 100% of the budget our sending organization requires. We currently only lack about \$300 per month in monthly expenses. We are also looking to the Lord to provide for several large expenses which come as a result of traveling to the other side of the world and setting up a home there. Pray with us for these needs to be met in the next month.

AJ graduates from high school on June 13. He has accepted an excellent scholarship to study at Liberty University in their Honors Program. He eventually hopes to earn a master's degree in Counseling.

Rachelle has mixed emotions about going to Thailand. She will attend Grace International School for 6th grade, Lord-willing. We're thankful for the good friends she has made in the USA these last two years. She will miss them, but we are praying that she will make many more in Thailand.

Carlos continues to work on his doctoral dissertation. From Thailand, he plans to continue to assist the translation team in Niger. His main job, however, will be teaching at Payap University, which will include training future translators.

Caryn and Carlos will have to learn Thai before diving into their new jobs. Caryn will most likely be coordinating an effort to make translations in the area available in appropriate audio forms.



Thank you for your interest and love and financial gifts over many years!

Caryn & Carlos Benitez



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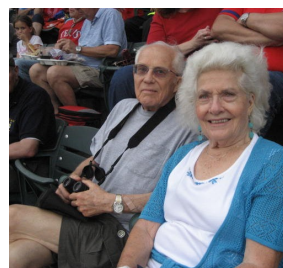
To benefit the children of the Stewpot
during their 2014 Summer Camp.
There is a basket provided in the Narthex
for your DVD movie donation.

Contact Grant Everett if you have any
questions at Grant.everett@hotmail.com.



Ranger Night at the Ballpark

Here are a few "candid" from our Ranger Night at the Ballpark.



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Garden helpers needed!!

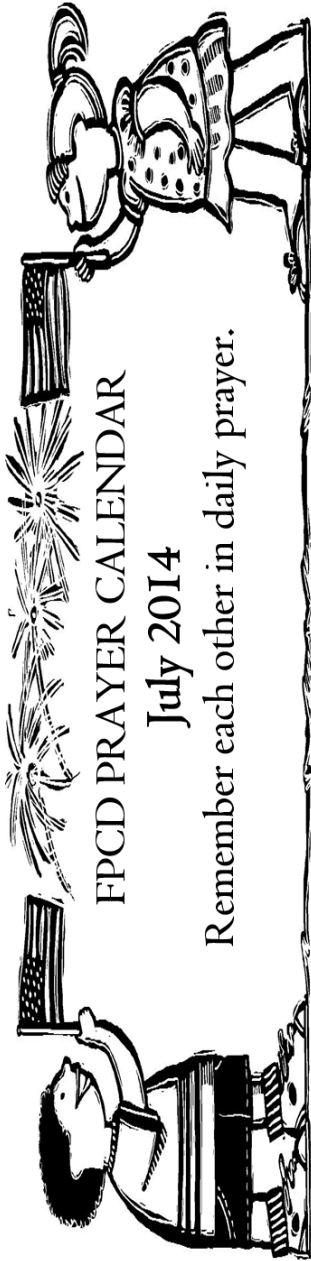
We need volunteers to water the church gardens once a week. Currently we water the gardens on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Naturally it is dependent upon the weather. We're always happy to have a nice rainfall to help out. But with the really hot summer days upon us, we definitely need to keep our flowers blooming happily and not withering away.

Takes about a half hour of your time and if you can do this once a week, it will really help us out. Please let me know.

Jocelyn





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

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

July 2014

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

July 6	Greeters:	Jaime & Lorraine Cordova
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Sydney Russell
	Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
	Communion Servers:	Darrell Ingram, Anna Murphy, Steve Netniss Dave Bolles, Diane Pegues, Dub Guthrie
July 13	Greeters:	Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson
	Ushers:	Albert Teel, Eddie Cowand
	Nursery Volunteer:	Darlene Cowand
	Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
July 20	Greeters:	Wendy Jensen, Donna To
	Ushers:	Albert Teel, Irving Kezar
	Nursery Volunteer:	Jocelyn Bolles
	Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner
July 27	Greeters:	Darlene Cowand, Anna Murphy
	Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Anna Murphy
	Tellers:	Lori Glover, Brenda Everett

Grief Recovery Group News

The New Beginnings Group will meet July 14, at the home of Billie Cowand, 342 Lakeview Circle, Duncanville, at 2:00 pm. This will be a week later than usual so be sure to mark your calendar.

All who would like to come and meet with us are welcome.

For more information, call Billie Cowand at 972-298-5449.

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. Thank you.

Linda Simons, July 2
 Bill Jackson, July 5
 Lois Harmon, July 8
 Caleb Liddle, July 8
 Peggy Kezar, July 10
 Alan Peralta, July 10
 J.R. Hartless, July 14
 Matthew Reed, July 14
 Savannah Teel, July 16
 Neal Guthrie, July 19
 Mickey Jespersen, July 19
 Nicole Martinez, July 24
 Larry Lewis, July 28



	Receipts	Expenditures
May 2014	\$15,342	\$17,244
Year-to-Date	\$96,880	\$88,536
2014 Total Annual Budget:		\$243,607
Budget per month		\$ 20,301

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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.