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Our vision: Seeking God first, who first loved us. Our Mission: Knowing & loving God; obeying & worshiping him together; sharing Jesus & his love with everyone.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN **CHURCH**

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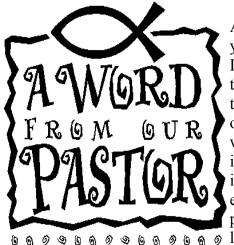
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Bookkeeper

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As I write this my heart is full of gratitude for you, the people of First Presbyterian Church Duncanville. You are such a blessing to me and to those around you. Your love is evident all the time. Looking around the church I see it. Someone plants, another waters, someone sweeps the walk. The lawn is trim and beautiful. Calls come into the office about how deacons and others visited the sick or sent cards and care packages. Elders and leaders attend meetings and pray and plan. Devoted members fix broken cabinets and 6 6 9 6 6 9 6 6 9 6 6 9 leaks and get estimates for repairs. Talented people write articles and design web sites and create

logos. More talented people arrange music and others sing it. They lead us in all kinds of joyful songs of praise to God. Someone starts a prayer meeting and you come together and pray for each other and pray for God to lead us. You learn and tell Bible stories in worship. You cheerfully greet guests and you organize events. You teach children. You plan lessons. You love teenagers. You sponsor and encourage missionaries. You serve on Grace Presbytery committees. You make sandwiches and lemonade and cookies. You set up tables and chairs and take them down. Whew!

You do a lot! You give and give and give. I want to celebrate you. I am so grateful for you I could turn a flip! You put a smile on my face and joy in my heart and I think of you constantly.

Then you come in and tell me how you shared your faith with someone you know at work or through another organization, and Jesus Christ must be so proud. Because you also wonder what else you might do or say to help others to know His wonderful love.

Thank you, again and again. Your faith is evident to all. Truly all of you exemplify what it means to know God and I LOVE being here and I love all of you. Can't wait until next Sunday.

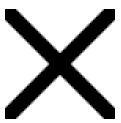
> See you Sunday! Ginger

FROM THE WORSHIP TEAM

From the Worship Team

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 3:16-19 They are frequently represented by symbols.



Andrew, Peter's brother, was the first called to be one of Jesus' Twelve. He is symbolized by an "X" - shaped cross, called a Saltire Cross. Tradition says that while Andrew was preaching in Greece, he was put to death by crucifixion on a cross of this type. Today this cross is called a Saint Andrew's cross in honor of the courageous apostle. Andrew is the patron saint of Greece, Russia and Scotland. The Scots' flag has a white Saint Andrew's cross on a blue background representing the sky.

Session Notes

SESSION NOTES

Action taken at the May 28, 2009, session meeting:

- Approved financial report for the month of April 2009 and year-to-date.
- Approved motion from CE to hold a retreat at Prairie Valley on June 6-7, 2009 for the communicants' class.
- Accepted minutes of April 16, 2009, session meeting.
- Approved request from Melisa Guthrie for use of sanctuary and Fellowship Hall on August 7 and 8, 2009, for wedding rehearsal and wedding ceremony.
- Approved motion from Property to repair front sidewalk at an approximate cost of \$1,450.
- Approved motion from Stewardship to participate with other Presbyterian churches in seminar presented by the Cargill Group regarding stewardship and pledges drives, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, if such a seminar can be arranged.
- Accepted all ministry team reports.
- Approved 2009 office holiday schedule.

Action taken at the June 14, 2009, special session meeting:

• Approved change in Ginger's title from Stated Supply to Temporary Supply in order to enable Ginger to be eligible for the permanent pastoral position here.



SESSION NOTES CONTINUED

Action taken at the June 17, 2009, special session meeting:

• Met with members of the Communicants' Class and accepted the following individuals into membership at First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville:

Grant Everett, Jody Fox, Charlie Glover, Taylor Glover, Zach Meador, Lucy Russell, Sydney Russell, Katie Wylie and Thomas Wylie.

Session Notes Continued

Action taken at the June 25, 2009, session meeting:

- Approved financial report for the month of May 2009 and year-to-date.
- Accepted minutes of the May 28, 2009, session meeting as corrected; accepted minutes of the June 14, 2009, special session meeting as corrected; and accepted minutes of the June 17, 2009, special session meeting as presented.
- Approved request from Grace Presbyterian Church, Plano, for the transfer of membership of J. Rubrecht.
- Accepted all ministry team reports.

Property Report

PROPERTY REPORT

July 2009

ACTIVITY:

- 1. After the last heavy rains, there were small leaks noted in sound room. Christian Brothers considering what to do next.
- 2. Continuing lawn mowing and edging by church volunteers. Eddie Everett, Grant Everett, Anna Murphy, Nick Peacock, Dean Hertenstein, Lori Glover, Charlie Glover, and Paul Barton mowed, edged, etc. Dick Bergman is maintaining lawn equipment as needed.
- 3. Flower & tree watering team continuing watering & planting as needed.
- 4. A small leak developed in the plumbing connection at the coffee maker in the kitchen. Apparently no one noticed for several weeks. The counter top and cabinetry under the coffee maker was damaged. The repairs cost about \$1,900. (About 2/3 of the counter top was damaged.) We replaced all the Formica at the same time to make things match. Also replaced the faucet assembly at the sink was replaced, which had a small long-term leak and had rusted in place.
- 5. The plumbed-in coffee maker has been replaced with one that has no plumbing to avoid this problem in the future.
- 6. The compressor fan blade in the A/C unit for the office area bent, jammed in place, and burned out the motor. Since that particular unit was more than 25 years old (5 years beyond average wear-out), we decided to replace it rather than repair it. We got 2 quotes for the replacement, and accepted the one from Coomes. They gave us a discount because we also have a regular maintenance contract with them. Their \$5,500 quote was \$700 lower than the second quote. Includes using a crane to get it up on the roof, and some custom ductwork to match up with our A/C plenum.

PROPERTY REPORT CONTINUED

Property Report

Continued

TO DO:

- 1. Broken window in one of the primary rooms.
- 2. Front door on Fellowship hall needs replacement
- 3. Accordion doors in Fellowship hall need replacement.

We appreciate the thought but....please do not leave items at the church unless they have been requested for a specific purpose, such as furniture, desks, computer equipment, books, toys, etc. We want to keep our church buildings looking neat and clutterfree! Your cooperation is very much appreciated!!

Bookkeeper's Report

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June 2009

Receipts \$10,746

Expenditures \$18,327

July 2009 July 2008

5-July-82

26-July-90

Attendance

| TD Receipts | YTD Expenditure |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 880,274 | \$90,685 |
| | |

6–July–88 12-July-60 13-July-59 19-July-58 20-July-69

27-July-53

Deficit \$10,411 Total Annual Budget \$173,824

Missions News

MISSIONS NEWS

Brian and Anja Buuck and their four children will be spending the next semester in Minnesota before they return to Mexico.

Dennis and Susan Walters and their three children will be spending the school year in the Dallas area. They plan to arrive within a couple of weeks.

Deacon's Dinner **Talent** Show

Carlos and Caryn Benitez and their two children are scheduled to return to Niger soon, flying from the U.S. July 28.

In these major moves families often experience stress. Especially remember the children in prayer as they learn to make new friends and adjust to different living situations.

DEACONS' DINNER & TALENT SHOW

SEPT. 12th

If you attended the Deacons' Dinner last September, you probably remember the uproarious good time we had! This year, we are planning to have a TALENT SHOW following the Deacons Dinner on September 12th, so please mark your calendars <u>now</u> and plan to attend!

We have a remarkable amount and variety of talent in our congregation, so dust off your top hat/dancing shoes, guitar or other musical instrument, brush up that favorite old comedy routine, etc. and share in a fun-filled evening! Please contact Nancy Bergman, Mary Huttar, Betty Jespersen, Sean Russell, Sandy Gaskins or Gail Haynes regarding participating in this show. WE NEED YOU!

PW NEWS

Our Circle Meetings will resume again in September and our study for the coming year will be from Joshua. We are again using the Horizons Bible Study which is available to us from our National PW Organization.

Enjoy Bible Study and Fellowship with PW

If you do not currently attend a Circle, please consider doing so. The Circles meet in different homes each month and enjoy Bible Study, prayer, good discussions, desserts and fellowship. There is a daytime and an evening Circle. The meeting places, dates and times are printed in the Announcements Section of the weekly Sunday Bulletins, as well as in the monthly Newsletters. This information will be available around the middle of August for the September meetings. If you have any questions about the Circle meetings, please contact Helen Barton or Joan Brown.



Joshua A Journey of Faith by Mary Mikhael

In the nine lessons of *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*, Mary Mikhael invites us to explore the challenging, sometimes heartrending, book of Joshua. Pursuing such themes as leadership, the promise of land, the concept of "holy war," and outsiders becoming insiders, we learn ultimately to find rest in the justice and mercy of God.

Bronze Sculpture, *Jericho* by Philip Ratner Used by permission of the Ratner Museum, Baltimore, MD 2009–2010 *Horizons* Bible Study

"Handbags for Hope"—Many thanks to all who came to the Swim, Salad and Sundae Supper in June and participated in the Handbags for Hope project. We brought new or nearly new handbags along with various toiletry and personal care items to fill the bags. These handbags were then given to several area women's shelters. We also enjoyed good food and fellowship while helping to support this very worthy project.

PW News

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE August 2009 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

August 2 Greeters: Tom Harmon, Doris Metzger

Ushers: Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues

Liturgist: Leo Skinner

Children's Church: Savannah Baker-Teel

Nursery Volunteer: Lois Harmon

Tech Team: Sean Russell, Jody Fox Paul Barton, Tom Harmon

August 9 Greeters: Helen Barton, Bob Moore

Ushers: Bob Moore, Eddie Cowand

Liturgist: Helen Barton
Children's Church: Margaret Lewis
Nursery Volunteer: Gail Haynes

Tech Team: Sean Russell, Jody Fox Tellers: Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

August 16 Greeters: Lori Glover, Bob Harrison

Ushers: Albert Teel
Liturgist: Tom Harmon
Children's Church: Helen Barton
Nursery Volunteer: Joan Brown

Tech Team: Sean Russell, Jody Fox

Tellers: Mickey Jespersen, Leo Skinner

August 23 Greeters: Eddie Cowand, Sharon Ingram

Ushers: Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues

Liturgist: Joan Brown
Children's Church: Gail Haynes
Nursery Volunteer: Taylor Glover

Tech Team: Sean Russell, Jody Fox Tellers: Lori Glover, Jocelyn Bolles

August 30 Greeters: Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson

Ushers: Eugene Jimmerson, Jack Pegues

Liturgist: Scott Hartless
Children's Church: Taylor Glover
Nursery Volunteer: Katherine Liddle
Tech Team: Sean Russell, Jody Fox
Tellers: Paul Barton, Tom Harmon

HOGY-Hands of God Youth

Youth All-Stars

Each month, we feature one of the youth from FPCD's Youth Group.

This month's Youth All-Star is: Allison Jackson

Full Name: Allison Suzanne Jackson

Birthdate: July 5, 1992 Grade: 12th (Senior!)

School: *Mansfield Timberview* Extracurricular: *Volleyball, Girl Scouts*

Favorite Food: Mexican food Favorite Drink: Dr. Pepper

Favorite Color: Pink

Favorite Movie: Forrest Gump
Hobbies: Volleyball
Favorite TV Show: Grey's Anatomy

Favorite Group(s): Journey

Favorite Song: Sweet Home Alabama I'm a fan of: The Texas Longhorns!

Something most people don't know about me is: I have had surgery before.

The funniest thing that ever happened to me: I was drinking Sunny D and I laughed and it came out my nose!

AUGUST EVENTS

| When | What | <u>Where</u> |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| August 2 | Mission Trip After-Party | TBA |
| August 9 | Bowling Night | Alley Cats, Arlington |
| August 16 | NO YOUTH—Tom on Vacation | |
| August 23 | Back-to-School Swim Party | TBA |
| August 30 | Mud & Crud Night | FPCD |

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Summer in our Sunday School Workshops

In June, children in our Sunday School workshops for elementary ages, children have been learning about Samuel and his response to God's call. Katherine Liddle has led audio visual, art, and music workshops on this theme.

In July, Sandy Wylie and Katherine Liddle have been leading workshops on the prophet Jonah. In August we look forward to drama and games and puzzles workshops about Samuel again. The children will have some special bell-playying Sundays also. Every Sunday Betty Jespersen serves as the special helper or "Shepherd" at the workshops. HOGY

Sunday School .m.s 21:9 — .m.s 06:01 — .m.q 00:8-00:0 — Christian Education Worship Service Youth Group

SOURCE SCHEDOLE

KELNKA SERVICE REQUESTED

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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.



Wendy Jensen-8/5 Gloria Pirkle—8/5 Kathleen Hartless—8/6 Sydney Russell—8/6 Ruth Yingst—8/15 Brenda Everett—8/17 Donna To-8/18 Eddie Cowand-8/20 Liz Moore-8/20 Katie Wylie-8/21 Lori Glover-8/23 Eugene Jimmerson—8/23 Jessica Ingram-8/24 Scott Hartless—8/29 Doris Metzger-8/29 Marjorie Ochs-8/30

GOOD NEWS CLUB

54 kids heard the gospel in our 5 Day Club at the Cielo Ranch Apartments during the 2nd week in July . 5 Day Clubs are the summer programs offered by Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF). CEF brings in a team of 2 or 3 teenagers to lead the club while a sponsor, in this case, Sharon Ingram, chaperones and provides a snack. We averaged 24 kids each day and 4 kids accepted Christ as their Savior!

This is a wonderful program that anyone can host. Child Evangelism Fellowship has been sharing the Good News with boys and girls since 1937. That's over 70 years! Our own church has previously donated money for Bibles for these kids, has assisted in leading the Good News Clubs, prayed for the kids and provided snacks. Currently Sharon and her mom, Pat Sparr, lead the Good News Club at the apartments on Saturday mornings from 10-11am during the school year. But it doesn't have to stop there! If you would like to lead a club, you can find an apartment or even a school (yes, it's "legal" to lead an after school club even in our public schools!) or help Sharon and Pat for the 2009-2010 school year. We could use more hands, snacks, new NIV Adventure Bibles and prayers. Please consider being a part of this ministry.

August 2009

First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville, Texas

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 5 6 12 13 19 2 | Jul 2009 M T W T F 5 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 10 11 3 14 15 16 17 18 0 21 22 23 24 25 7 28 29 30 31 | 1 2 3 | | | 1 |
| 2 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Communion 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM-8:00 PM Youth | 3 6:15 PM Leadership Team Meeting | 4 | 5 6:30 PM -7:15 PM Prayer Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 6 6:30 PM Worship Meeting | 7 | 8 3:00 PM Guthrie Wedding |
| 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM -8:00 PM Youth | 10 7:00 PM Deacon's Meeting | 11 | 12 6:45 PM Finance 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 13 | 14 | 15 Newsletter Deadline |
| 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Bible Study | 17 | 18 | 19 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 20 7:00 PM Session Meet with Communicants | 21 | 22 |
| 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM -8:00 PM Youth | 24 Sandwiches for Austin Street Centre | 25 | 26 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM -8:00 PM Youth | 31 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR August 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | FRIDAY | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 Del & Dorothy Anderson Bryan & Winfred Cook |
| 2 Paul & Helen Barton Bill & Ruth Yingst Doris Metzger | 3 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Lenora Dalton | 4 Joan Brown Tom & Sandy Wylie Thomas, Katie & Abby | 5 Jack & Diane Pegues Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andres & | 6 Larry & Margaret Lewis Boyd Roberts Connie Steger | 7 Sean & Lucy Russell Paul & Claudia Grif-Lucy, Sydney, fith Logan, Weston, & Dean & Ginger Tristan Hertenstein | 8 Paul & Claudia Grif- fith Dean & Ginger Hertenstein |
| 9 Norris & Carol McKin- ney Ryan & Marjorie Ochs Colvin | 10 Dorothy Cleary Nadi T.J. & Eugene Al Dudley Austin Dick Allen & Wanda Ship-man | 11 Nadine Doura Ariel & Leah Dick & Nancy Berg- man | George & Billie Cowand David & Sandy Gas-kins Alexander | 13 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Leo & Marlene Skin- ner | Eugene & Armelia Kent & Lori Glover Bill Fa Jimmerson Taylor & Charlie Rober Leo & Marlene Skin- Dub & Gwen Guthrie Eagle Melissa, Carol, & Pat Sp Neal | 15 Bill Farish Robert & Catherine Eagle Pat Sparr |
| 16 Kevin & Tonya Jespersen Mickey & Betty Jesper- sen | 17 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. Reid Bunger | 18 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee Jim & Andrene Hull | 19 Tom & Lois Harmon Gary & Nita Malone Eunice Pike Darrell & Sharon In- Jackie Walke gram Jay & Jessica | | 22 Roy & Wendy Jensen Eddie & Brenda Don & Edie Burquest Everett Dave & Jocelyn Bolles Grant | 22 Eddie & Brenda Everett Jocelyn, Natalie, & Grant |
| 23 Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Gary & Linda Simons Rachel | 24 Evelyn Pike George & Mary Huttar Teresa Rodriques | 25 Bob & Nancy Harrison Son Eddie & Darlene Cowand | Stan & June West Sara & Matthew Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz | 27 Irving & Peggy Kezar Steve & Marna Bayless | 28 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew | Albert & Sara Teel Savannah Bob & Liz Moore Gail Haynes |
| 30 Burle Murphy Susan Murphy Anna Murphy Nicholas & Heather | 31 Don & Sheri Trask The Schaefers Carol Orwig | | | | | |