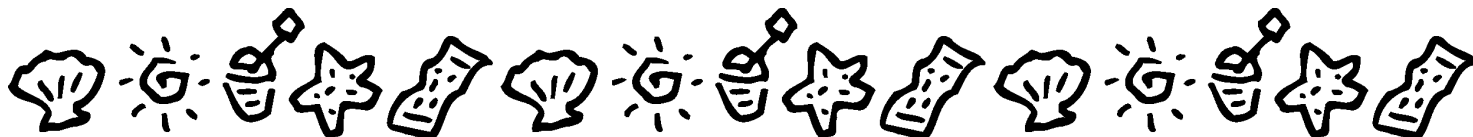


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Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the community.

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August is a big month for FPCD and especially for our youth as they participate in a weeklong mission trip at First Presbyterian Church Dallas. Joining with the youth from Idaho Falls Presbyterian Church and Rev. Tom Wylie, they will experience a week of life-changing adventure serving several mission organizations in the Dallas area.

Then, August 15, after months of prayer, visioning for our youth ministry, and searching for the right person, our new youth pastor, Steve Netniss, joins us. We feel that God has opened the door for him to come to us all the way from California. Steve comes well trained and with a heart for youth. As you can see, it is a crucial time for us to rally around our youth and Steve. I know that you will make him feel welcome, and he will feel your love and support as he begins to minister.

Speaking of youth, I can't help but think of the Israelites being admonished by God to "teach all these things to your children, and rejoice before the Lord with your sons and daughters so that when they ask you, 'What is the meaning of the decrees and ordinances; why do we do these things?' you can tell them, 'the Lord gave us these commands for our lasting good, so to keep us alive' . . ." (see Deut. 6). Think about it. Those words were spoken some 3,200 years ago, and here we are – believers, part of the family of God, embracing that very message. We are God's people who still enact that first promise to be a people who bless the world with the message of salvation.

To learn how to share that message this fall we will leave the OT and fast forward to the New Testament 1,200 years later, and join the disciples in the book of Acts. We will learn from them, as they continue to tell God's story of love for all people. The message of the gospel is indeed good news; worthy news for people in Duncanville. Let's learn to share it well, first with our children, and then with others around us. Thank you for your enthusiasm for the gospel, your active participation in ministry, and your deep love for Jesus Christ. Amen? Amen.

F R O M T H E



PASTOR

See you Sunday,
Ginger

WORDS FROM WORSHIP

Words from Worship

The Worship Team continues the work to make the Effective Worship Resources Publishing Company a reality. While we iron out all the paperwork needed to create the business, we've been trying to write the perfect mission statement, tag line and vision statement.

Discussion of Advent has begun. Advent, you say...that's not until December! Well, actually, Advent begins four Sundays prior to Christmas on November 29. There's a lot to think about: like whose story will we focus on and how it relates to the birth of Jesus; and selecting a Cantata, play, music etc., that carry through the focus and schedule practices. These are in addition to Pastor Ginger's writing her sermons, including one for Christmas Eve. Please let the Worship Team know if you would like to be involved in any of these activities, we'd love to have you on the team.



We hope to have our internet connection updated soon, so that we have the capability of live streaming our services. You could actually view our services from your home computer, if for some reason you are unable to attend.



We're looking for two people to assist with the preparation of communion. Your time would only be required twice a year. Duties are: purchasing and preparing the sacraments to be distributed, setting up and clean up. Easy to follow instructions as well as training class are provided. Contact Anna Murphy (972-977-1172) if you can assist with these duties. Remember tithing isn't just about money, it's about giving our time and talents too!

We're also thinking about a fall music and storytelling festival for the October time frame, in hopes of bringing the community into the church. More on this as it develops.

Congo Life

Congo Life

*Progressive dinner
Saturday, August 21, beginning at 5:30 pm.*

Salad /appetizer at the first stop; main course at the second stop; and all return to FPCD's Fellowship Hall for dessert, followed by some fun playing BINGO! Also, if you want to expand your dessert horizon beyond our offered fare (brownies), the Youth Group is preparing specialty ice-cream sundaes at the church (a fund-raiser so you may consider a donation for their dessert). No charge for the dinner, plus there will be bingo prizes galore!! Sign up now in the Narthex so we'll know who's coming to dinner.



Attendance

Bookkeeper's Report

ATTENDANCE

June 2009

7-June-92
14-June-105
21-June-80
28-June-81

June 2010

6-June-78
13-June-94
20-June-85
23-June-78

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

June 2010

Receipts
\$18,030

Expenditures
\$13,079

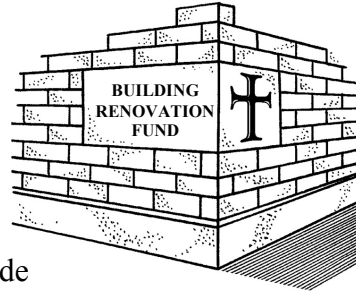
YTD surplus is *\$602

Total Annual Budget is \$203,100

* This figure includes \$17,682 in memorial giving and \$4,000 in facility renovation giving.

PROPERTY NEWS

A building renovation fund has been started with a gift of \$2000. This gift has been designated toward making the Fellowship Hall restrooms handicap accessible. The estimate that we have received to update the restrooms is \$16,685, therefore we have received more than 10% so far!



PROPERTY
NEWS

As most of you know, we had a celebration at the church on Sunday, July 4 to rejoice in the improvements that we have made in the office area, library, and Christian Education wing. We also talked about the things that remain to be done in the Fellowship Hall and adjoining areas, such as renovation of the restrooms to comply with requirements for handicap accessibility, new folding chairs, new storage closet for tables and chairs, new flooring and paint in the Fellowship Hall, in the classrooms off the Fellowship Hall, and in the kitchen.

We all want our church to be a place that will draw people, make them comfortable, meet their needs, and in so doing, reflect the love of God to all. 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. We hope you will prayerfully consider contributing to this most important endeavor in the coming months. Together we can accomplish amazing things!

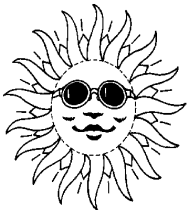
H_{ands} O_f G_{od} Y_{outh} HAPPENINGS

August Bible Studies:

August 8	No meeting at church-Youth conclude Mission Trip
August 15	TBD—Steve Netniss' first Sunday
August 22 & 29	TBD

HOGY
Happenings

SUMMER Visiting Youth Program



Thanks to everyone who helped us with the Summer Visiting Youth Program (set up by First Dallas). HOGY members are teaming up with youth from Idaho Falls, Idaho at FPC Dallas to work on various programs around the area August 1-5. The youth are learning about homelessness, hunger, domestic violence, aging, and helping with a day camp for inner-city children. After completing the program, the group will end their time by staying over at FPC Duncanville August 6-8.

To help out the Idaho group, you're providing sleeping bags & pillows for them for the week; meals and transportation over the weekend, and opening up your homes for showers. In return, we get to have the youth participate in the worship service on August 8, as well as have Pastor Tom Wylie back, if only for a few days.

As you read this, we await the arrival of our Youth Pastor, Steve Netniss, who begins his part-time position with us on August 15. Steve is a native of Turlock, California. He received his undergraduate from California State University-St Anislaus in 2003 and graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary in 2009.



H_{ands} O_f G_{od} Y_{outh} HAPPENINGS continued

HOGY Happenings continued

Steve has been a Youth Leader/Pastor for several churches during his college years, including Irving Bible church. His hobbies are snowboarding, snowshoeing (these could be a challenge in Texas), camping and jet skiing. And, he is a Saints fan (we may have to convert him!). Once he completed seminary and moved back to California, he realized he missed Texas and wanted to return. Thus we were brought together. Most of the HOGY have met him, and are looking forward to his arrival and leadership. Please take time to welcome Steve and make him feel at home.

Lori Glover and Anna Murphy will continue to assist with HOGY and guide Steve as he transitions into his duties. Many thanks to them for their leadership during the past 10 months. As always, if you'd like to prepare a snack supper for the HOGY, just sign up on the sheet on the Youth room door.



MISSIONARY UPDATE

Missionary update



Greetings from this very hot capital city of Niger. Typically these days temperatures are high 110s with 90s at night and high humidity. Many succumb to the heat; on the way to the children's school we have to pass the city morgue where crowds gather to claim those who have not survived. It affects us too, sapping energy and trying our spirits.

When we test a translation with mother tongue speakers, it is at times boring. We read the text to someone who is unfamiliar with it then ask questions to see what they understood. However, the other day things got a bit more interesting. We were testing with two men, one who did not like the fact that the other 'A' is a follower of Christ and began to try to criticize the life of Christians and evangelize him to his own faith. Knowing only the street rumors of what a Christian was – an immoral Westerner who doesn't pray, who drinks alcohol and eats pork—he accused 'A' of all this. Then he was surprised that "A" didn't immediately repent and confess. 'A' had never done any of these things; his reaction was anger. Later Carlos had an opportunity to talk to 'A' about forgiveness and praying for one's enemies.

Sometimes we work with those who are not followers of Christ. 'M' has agreed to work with us in back translation (the text is retranslated into French so that the consultant who does not know the language can know whether or not we translated what we were supposed to). Sometimes the work with the team brings problems to those on the team. 'M' has experienced some problems as well. Carlos has had some opportunities to talk to 'M' when the Lord opens the way. As Caryn develops friendships with his wife, she also learns the language. Pray that the Lord would give us opportunities to be salt and light and to be able to say what makes us different . . . that is not just our ethnicity and culture.

Thanks so much for being part of our team through your prayers. -Carlos and Caryn

FROM
DALE
WALTERS

FROM DALE WALTERS

Thanks to everyone who helped send me to summer camp!
I really enjoyed it, especially the canoeing merit badge.

-Dale

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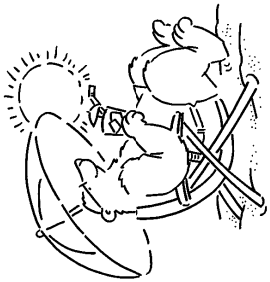
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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

August 2010

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

August 1	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Donna To, Wendy Jensen Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues Janet Stahl Gail Haynes Taylor Glover Sean Russell Mickey Jespersen, Leo Skinner
August 8	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Eddie Cowand, Sharon Ingram Bob Moore, Eddie Cowand Youth Lori Glover Sydney Russell Sean Russell Lori Glover, Bob Harrison
August 15	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Gail Haynes, Burle Murphy Albert Teel, Bob Moore Leo Skinner Anna Murphy Sharon Ingram Sean Russell Paul Barton, Tom Harmon
August 22	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Dorothy Cleary Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues Lori Glover Sandy Gaskins Lois Harmon Sean Russell Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
August 29	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Mickey & Betty Jespersen Dub Guthrie, Bob Moore Scott Hartless Sharon Ingram Jocelyn Bolles Sean Russell Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis



FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
1 Winfred Cook Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. Bob & Liz Moore	2 Paul & Helen Barton Ruth Yingst Doris Metzger	3 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Lenora Dalton	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 Pat Sparr Don & Edie Burquest Burle Murphy Andrew & Ashley Dittman	16 Kevin & Tonya Jespersen Mickey & Betty Jespersen Susan Murphy	17 Eddie & Brenda Everett Jocelyn, Natalie, & Grant	18 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee Steve Netniss	19 Tom & Lois Harmon Eunice Pike Christy Cowand Brandon	20 Gary & Nita Malone Darrell & Sharon Ingram Jessica Bill Farish	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				

Liz Moore—8/20
Lori Glover—8/23
Eugene Jommerson—8/23
Jessica Ingram—8/24
Dale Walters—8/28
Scott Hartless—8/29
Doris Metzger—8/29
Marjorie Ochs—8/30

Wendy Jensen—8/5
Kathleen Hartless—8/6
Sydney Russell—8/6
Ruth Yingst—8/15
Brenda Everett—8/17
Donna To—8/18
Eddie Coward—8/20



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.

Birthdays

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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