



First Presbyterian Church

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

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From Pastor Steve Netniss

Over the last four years I have emphasized the big story of the Bible with our youth group. Simply put, the big story of the Bible is:

God created a good world
(Genesis 1-2)

The good world went bad
(Genesis 3)

God will eventually renew it
(Revelation 21-22).

There are times when we are tempted to gravitate toward one extreme of the story. What I mean is that some Christians see everything in a positive manner (Genesis 1-2), while others constantly complain everything is broken (Genesis 3), and then there are the Christians who are so consumed with going to heaven that they're no earthly good!

I believe our society is hungry for the big story of the Bible.

We don't believe all the positive-feel good messages that ignore reality. How can we pretend that everything is great in the world when Christians in Iraq are being persecuted for their faith? On the other hand, the doomsday predictions and obsession with the after-life just isn't working either.

Instead, we want to celebrate the good, admit our flaws, and live with the confidence that God has not given up on his creation.

So what does all this mean for FPCD? One of the things I love about FPCD is that we tell the big story. Every week we proclaim that God is good, we confess our sins, and we hear a sermon and songs that inspire.

FPCD will continue to live the big story. We will celebrate all the good things that are happening in our community. We sing to the Lord, proclaim his word, and learn the way of Christ. We have smart, generous, servant-hearted and compassionate leaders. At the same time, we recognize that there are areas we can improve. We don't have all the answers and we're honest about our weaknesses. We have patience and encourage one another. Finally, while we pursue the Lord and proclaim his word, we do it with the hope that we are working with God toward the reconciliation of all things.

I encourage you to live out the big story in your life. The best is yet to come!

Steve



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An Update from Paul and Jennifer Schaefer

Dear friends,

Thank you for your prayers over the last few months as we returned to Ghana and began the settling in process again. Going both ways-- from Ghana to the US and then from the US to Ghana again--require significant transitions and changes in daily routines. During these times of transition, prayer is essential. For that we thank you all.

We landed back in Ghana on March 13th after a challenging fall and spring when Jen's grandfather died, Sarah broke her arm and Jen had gallbladder surgery. The Lord put all the pieces together for our return. He did not stop there; our re-entry process was smooth, especially since we left a cold winter to return in the middle of "hot season" here in Ghana.

We were able to clean and organize our house again after a year and a half away, get the kids back in school and meet with each of the translation and literacy team members, all in the first six weeks back. At the same time, Paul met with the administration of the Ghana Education Service in Bole and the head teacher in Mandari to prepare for a literacy workshop at the end of May to the middle of June. This workshop began the process of having Safaliba taught in the primary schools. English is the main language for education in Ghana, but studies show that children who first learn their mother-tongue before transitioning to the language of wider communication do much better in the long run. This, along with furthering Safaliba reading in general, is our aim.

Right after the literacy workshop, Paul also helped out briefly with teaching two chapters for the Deuteronomy translation workshop in Tamale.

Since then, we've been focusing more on translation in two areas: first, we've begun the revision of the book of James, and secondly, we've begun the research process before starting on the exegetical check of Colossians. Please pray with us for these two projects. We hope to complete them in the next couple months.

The children are all very happy to be back "home" with their friends, animals and trees to climb. They are making good progress in school as well as making time to enjoy life here in Ghana. This has also been a year of age milestones: Caleb is now 16, Micah turns 13 in about a week, Josiah is 10 and Sarah 7. They are all growing and learning so much.

Thank you for all your prayers and encouragement. Just as each member of the body is needed for the building up of the body, so this translation task is a joint, group effort. Thank you for your part in it!

In Christ,
Paul and Jen
Caleb, Micah, Josiah and Sarah

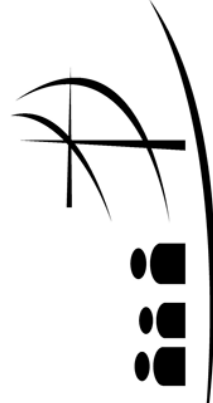




FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

August 2014

Remember each other in daily prayer



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

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					Pastor Ginger on Leave - Rtrn 8/4	
3 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Pastor Ginger	4 5:15 PM Deacons Meeting	5 2:00 PM "New Beginnings" Grief Support Small Group	6 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	7 6:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting	8	9
10 Potluck Sunday 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Installation of Elders	11	12	13 6:30 PM Youth Group 6:45 PM Finance Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	14	15	16
17 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	18	19	20 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	21	22	23
Fellowship of Presbyterians National Gathering						
24 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	25 The Sandwich Project ----- Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless	26	27 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	28 6:30 PM Session Meeting	29	30
31 Help Support Duncanville Outreach ----- Bring non-parishable items to donate						

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

August 2014
10:30 A.M. SERVICE

August 3	Greeters:	Eddie Cowand, Doris Metzger
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Sydney Russell
	Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
August 10	Greeters:	Vanessa Cordova, Jason Cordova
	Ushers:	Albert Teel, Eddie Cowand
	Nursery Volunteer:	Erin McGinnis
	Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
	Communion Servers:	Scott Hartless, Anna Murphy, Irving Kezar, Steve Netniss, Edelmira Ruiz, & Sean Russell
August 17	Greeters:	Jocelyn Bolles, Janet Stahl
	Ushers:	Albert Teel, Irving Kezar
	Nursery Volunteer:	Darlene Cowand
	Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner
August 24	Greeters:	Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
	Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Jocelyn Bolles
	Tellers:	Lori Glover, Brenda Everett
August 31	Greeters:	Billie Cowand, Leo Skinner
	Ushers:	Eugene Jimmerson, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Anna Murphy
	Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

August 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.

Wendy Jensen, August 5
 Kathleen Hartless, August 6
 Sydney Russell, August 6
 Ruth Yingst, August 15
 Ethan Meyer, August 16
 Brenda Everett, August 17
 Donna To, August 18
 Eddie Cowand, August 20
 Lori Glover, August 23
 Eugene Jimmerson, August 23
 Jaime Cordova, August 24
 Dale Walters, August 28
 Scott Hartless, August 29
 Doris Metzger, August 29
 Ariel Jordan, August 30



	Receipts	Expenditures
June 2014	\$ 15,266	\$ 24,228
Year-to-Date	\$112,146	\$112,764
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.