



# First Presbyterian Church

## EPISTLE

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

### *From your Session*

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#### **Honor a Remembrance**

Imagine what you can do when you care.

#### **Flying preacher, remembered for orphan rescue, wartime exploits**

Retired Air Force Co. Dean Hess, immortalized in a film starring Rock Hudson for his heroic effort to rescue Korean orphans, has died at 97.

As the Associated Press reports, "Hess was an ordained minister and a lieutenant colonel when he helped arrange evacuation of Korean orphans from their country's mainland to safety on a coastal island." Along with Lt. Col. Russell Blaisdell, a chaplain, Hess crafted a plan to transport hundreds of war orphans to safety in Operation Kiddy Car.

Jeff Underwood, an Air Force historian, called Hess a "shining example" of the Air Force's humanitarian airlift capabilities and a key figure in Air Force history. "What is less well known is the instrumental role he played in training the fledgling South Korea Air Force," Underwood said. Hess flew 250 combat missions in Korea, following a World War II tour that saw him fly 63 missions.

Hudson portrayed Hess in the 1957 film "Battle Hymn," which was also the title of Hess' autobiography. "He used the movie and book proceeds to build an orphanage in South Korea," AP reports.

Hess "never cashed in on his notoriety," his son, Lawrence Hess, told AP.

Hess was presented a medal by South Korean President Syngman Rhee in 1951. The medal is still displayed at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force near Dayton, Ohio.

Let this example encourage you to go out and do likewise.

*Scott Hartless*



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### *Mission News*

*Our letter is from the Walters. We were privileged to see Dale in Church last month. This letter is about the rest of his summer and a glimpse of what it means as a family to work overseas.*

#### **Our family**

Yesterday in the living room of our apartment here in this little city in Asia, we held Dale's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Evelyn prepared the refreshments (made-from-scratch tortilla chips and bean dip, fresh salsa, and cake) Gary used computer graphics to prepare a wall-sized poster with photos and congratulations. Dennis, the Lone Scout Troop leader, led the ceremony.

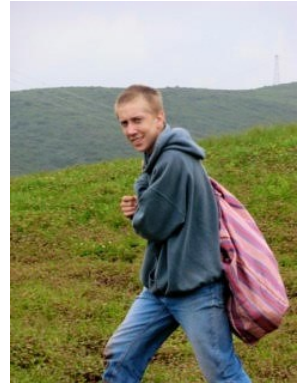
#### **A practice launch**

Tonight Dale heads off on a train by himself to a big city where he will catch several planes finally landing in Houston, Texas to see his grandmother, (Dennis' mother). From there he will travel on, working a month in Austin and then visiting family and colleges from SC, up through VA, OH, NJ and CT. He'll also be attending a week's program at one of the schools he's been interested in for a long time. (Back in February I asked you to remember us as we figure out how to write homeschool transcripts for our kids. Thank you. We are pleased that he was accepted into this summer program.) At the end of that summer program, Dale will fly around the other side of the world to meet back up with us in Thailand for our organization's conference. After all that whirlwind travel, Dale will come back and live with us for his senior year in high school.

#### **Thanksgiving and trust**

We have been given the gift of these children for the past 17 years. We are grateful. Dale is a fine and capable young man. We remember in 1997 how Father preserved his fragile life in the womb. Some of you had a part in that, praying. We lean on Father just as much now, knowing he holds our life—each one of us—each day, in His big hands. Remember Dale as he goes off to explore the big world. And remember us that we'd adapt gracefully as our family grows into new stages.

*Susan*



### **THE SNEEZE**

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt. Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would NOT pray during the commencements, not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it. The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine until the final speech received a standing ovation. A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened. All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!!!!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, "GOD BLESS YOU," and he walked off the stage...

The audience exploded into applause. This graduating class had found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

Isn't this a wonderful story? Pass it on to all your friends.....and **GOD BLESS YOU!!!!**

This is a true story; it happened at Eastern Shore District High School in Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia.

## ***Cook's Corner***

### **Fully Loaded Extreme Cheesy Potato Casserole**

*From Denise Taylor*

1 lb. thick cut bacon, cooked & chopped  
2 lb red potatoes washed & diced  
1 cup sour cream  
1 8 oz cream cheese  
1 8 oz pkg shredded mild cheddar cheese  
1 8 oz pkg shredded colby jack cheese  
1 tsp kosher salt  
1 tsp black pepper  
3 green onions, chopped

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a large mixing bowl combine sour cream, cream cheese, mild cheddar cheese, salt and pepper. Stir until well combined.

Add potatoes and 3/4 bacon.

Pour into a greased 8 x 10 baking dish.

Cover w/foil and bake for 60-75 minutes until potatoes are fork tender.

Remove from oven; stir.

Sprinkle colby jack cheese over top and bake 15 minutes uncovered.

Sprinkle casserole with reserved bacon and onions.

I used 2 cups sour cream and 16 oz. cream cheese to make it creamier!

# FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

## August

## 2015

REMEMBER EACH OTHER IN DAILY PRAYER

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



# August 2015

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Communion	3 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting	4	5 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 6:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Community Leaders Conversation	7	8
9 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	10	11	12 6:30 PM Youth Group 6:45 PM Finance Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	13 8:30 AM Community Prayer Gathering - Location TBD 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Community Leaders Conversation	14	15 Newsletter Articles Due 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Street Market
16 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	17 1:00 PM "New Beginnings" Grief Support Small Group	18	19 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22
Conference Fellowship of Presbyterians - San Diego						
23 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM 4th Sunday Worship with the Youth Help Support Duncanville Outreach—Bring canned food items to donate	24 The Sandwich Project ----- Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless	25	26 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	27 8:30 AM Community Prayer Gathering - Location TBD 6:30 PM Session Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Community Leaders Conversation	28	29
30 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 AM Deacons Church Cookout	31					

## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE** **August 2015**

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

### AUGUST 2

Greeters:	Darlene Cowand, Anna Murphy
Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer:	Erin McGinnis
Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
Communion Servers:	Darrell Ingram, Jocelyn Bolles, Adelmo Ruiz, Brenda Everett, Jack Pegues, Nancy Bergman

### AUGUST 9

Greeters:	Eddie Cowand, Doris Metzger
Ushers:	Eddie Cowand, Dub Guthrie
Nursery Overseer:	Darlene Cowand
Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis

### AUGUST 16

Greeters:	Vanessa Cordova, Jason Cordova
Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer:	Jocelyn Bolles
Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner

### AUGUST 23

Greeters:	Jocelyn Bolles, Janet Stahl
Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer:	Anna Murphy
Tellers:	Lori Glover, Brenda Everett

### AUGUST 30

Greeters:	Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
Ushers:	Eugene Jimmerson, Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer:	Susan 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](mailto:info@fpcd.org). Thank you.

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



### 2015 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
June	\$16,958	\$22,021
Jan - June 2015	\$112,916	\$112,737

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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.