



First Presbyterian Church

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Making Our Dreams Come True

As I write this, I'm thinking of the year and how quickly it has gone by. Our "little" church has been able to help make a big impact on this community. Little did we know, when we started putting together our first Festival of Hope, almost 4 years ago, that it would lead to ten churches in our community working together to present a Good Friday Event attended by close to 700 people! What a blessing. But it didn't happen overnight. As a matter of fact, there was lots of planning and many sleepless nights by some of our congregation involved in that planning.

Below are other activities that we have held this year:

Easter week alone was a whirlwind... Good Friday service, prayer vigil, Easter Sunrise Service, a wonderful breakfast, Easter egg hunt for the children and ending with our Easter Sunday worship service.

- Youth confirmation –commitment by youth and their parents
- Summer Bash to celebrate our youth- a small group of members pulled this off in a month!
- Receptions for the families of 3 of our dear members who are now experience God's everlasting life

And now it's now time to start planning our Fall Event. Remember those 10 churches from Good Friday? They want to celebrate with us again and keep the momentum going. But again, it can't be done by a weary few. We need you to step up to the plate and help us show the community what can happen when we work together.

We are an aging church and I don't just mean the building. If you haven't noticed, our congregation is getting older and we're not as energetic as we once were. We have so many that give unselfishly of their time, talent and money. If you don't feel you have a talent to share or extra money to spend, I'm sure you can find a little extra time to help out somewhere, somehow. Who teaches your Sunday School class? Leads our youth? Makes meal for youth and adult classes? Mows the church yard? Prepares communion? Ushers? Sets up/takes down tables & chairs? Cleans up after meals? Serves on committees?

Consider taking on a leadership role. There are countless ways to help around the church. We need more people to step up and help out. Tithing isn't just about money. Look around, find a project that you or your family is passionate about and take it on.

The Team makes the Dream come true. Be a part of the Team at FPCD and help make our Dreams come true.

Anna



Thanks to all:

Special thanks to each and every one of you for your prayers and support of Dave throughout his illness. From the choir "rehearsal" in his ICU room at the VA the night before his surgery, to the celebrations provided by the Beginners Class and the choir, to the Marine Corps lap robes, the baskets filled with his favorite goodies, the many, many cards and emails and most especially for the special moments that each of you took to encourage him along the way, no-one could have asked for anything more.

He loved the Lord and his church, whether he was singing in the choir, "leading" the Beginners Class, serving on Session or getting everyone's attention with his deep bass voice. You are our family. And at the end, when Taps was played, it was altogether fitting and proper that it was played by one of the family.

To the Deacons, the Session, the Choir, the CE classes, to all of you, my heartfelt thanks.

Jocelyn





First Presbyterian Church Duncanville

MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR - AUGUST 2016

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

IT WAS YOU WHO SET ALL
THE BOUNDARIES OF THE EARTH;
YOU MADE BOTH SUMMER AND WINTER.

PSALM 74:17, NIV

August 2016

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
	1 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting	2	3 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30 PM Pre-Teen Youth Group 6:30 PM Session Meeting	5	6																																																																																											
7 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Spanish Bible Study	8	9	10 6:30 PM Youth Group 6:45 PM Finance Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	11 6:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting 6:30 PM Pre-Teen Youth Group 1:00 PM Agape Women's Fellowship 7:30 PM Sarah Women's Fellowship	12	13																																																																																											
14 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Spanish Bible Study	15 1:00 PM "New Beginnings" Grief Support Small Group Newsletter Articles Due	16	17 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	18 6:30 PM Pre-Teen Youth Group	19	20 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Mission Affinity Group Conference -- Arlington																																																																																											
21 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Spanish Bible Study <i>Potluck Sunday</i>	22 The Sandwich Project ----- Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless	23	24 6:30 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM 4th Sunday Praise Team Rehearsal	25 6:30 PM Session Meeting	26	27																																																																																											
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Worship Volunteer Schedule

August 2016

10:30 A.M. Service

August 7

Greeters: Jocelyn Bolles & Janet Stahl
Ushers: Irving Kezar & Albert Teel
Nursery Overseer: Darlene Cowand
Tellers: Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy
Communion Servers: Dick Bergman; Joan Brown; Dub Guthrie;
Lori Glover & Irving Kezar
End of Service Ministry: Sean Russell & Edelmira Ruiz

August 14

Greeters: Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
Ushers: Eddie Cowand & Dub Guthrie
Nursery Overseer: Anna Murphy
Tellers: Lori Glover & Brenda Everett
End of Service Ministry: Anna Murphy & Doris Metzger

August 21

Greeters: Leo Skinner & Billie
Ushers: Irving Kezar & Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer: Jocelyn Bolles
Tellers: Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
End of Service Ministry: Sharon Ingram & Margaret Lewis

August 28

Greeters: Armelia & Eugene Jimmerson
Ushers: Dub Guthrie & Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer: Susan Murphy
Tellers: Joan Brown & Teresa Reed
End of Service Ministry: Dub Guthrie & Joan Brown

— 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

— 9:15 a.m. Christian Education
— 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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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.

Wendy Jensen, August 5	Eugene Jimmerson, August 23
Kathleen Hartless, August 6	
Sydney Russell, August 6	Jaime Cordova, August 24
Brenda Everett, August 17	Dale Walters, August 28
Donna To, August 18	Scott Hartless, August 29
Eddie Cowand, August 20	Doris Metzger, August 29
Lori Glover, August 23	



2016 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
June	\$15,462	\$17,083
Jan - June 2016	\$109,462	\$118,230