



First Presbyterian Church

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

From Elder Sean Russell

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As summer winds down, many of us in education are winding up for a new school year. With that comes getting our classrooms in order, planning lessons and attending seemingly endless meetings our respective administrators require us to attend. This can get to be overwhelming, especially for the organizationally challenged. In the midst of all of this, slowing down a bit to reflect and write this for our church newsletter made me think of my former church in South Texas. Their newsletter is called *First Things First*. Over the past few weeks this saying has popped up at times when I least expected it. While sitting in one of the seemingly endless meetings at school, an administrator made a reference to knowing what your rocks are. You may have seen the demonstration of someone trying to fit a bunch of rocks into a big glass jar. All of the rocks are varying sizes ranging

from tiny pebbles to large rocks. The trick to compass in the task is to put all the big rocks in first because it allows room for the small rocks to fit into all the nooks and crannies. So, as our lives get busy with the hustle and bustle of a new school year, know what your rocks are and remember if you put first things first everything will be fine. Oh, and your first and biggest rock is of course, our "Rock" otherwise known as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sean



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I thought you all would be interested in the work that the Huttars were doing these days. Missionaries don't know the meaning of retirement it seems. Their job continues until the Lord says to stop. We can all learn from their example. Doris

Dear church family in Duncanville,

Although we moved to Manassas, VA a year ago, we have not forgotten you! We appreciate keeping in touch as we receive prayer requests and things to praise God for, and even visits from some FPCD friends!

And we appreciate you there who pray for us and support us in other ways. As we start our 49th year with Wycliffe and SIL, our job is essentially what it was when we were in Dallas: editing books about languages, cultures, translation, and literacy. We take good things that people have written (for example, on Biblical Hebrew [George] and languages of Nepal [Mary]), and do all we can to facilitate people using the final publications (whether in print or on line) in their service to thousands of language groups around the world. Our audience includes Bible translators, linguists, pastors, mission organizations, and workers with the UN, non-profits and government agencies.

We're very glad to be near our daughter Jill and her family, as well as many other kin, and to be helping with internationals in our local church. We're a day's drive from our son Lars and his family in NC. He and Kathy recently moved from Wycliffe to a new organization, OneHundred-Fold (OHF), to concentrate on other facets of Bible-focused language development. In their own words, "OneHundredFold is a group of specialists in software development, web design, database engineering, networking and telecommunications who believe that mobile technology has a transformative role to play in making the gospel of Christ accessible to every individual on Earth....Lars' initial assignments with OHF include developing software for Java phones, to enable them to browse and view media from microSD cards, such as theological training...or the Jesus Film."

We are so thankful for all of you! We miss you all, our Texas church family, and pray for you!

Love,

George and Mary Huttar
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We did it!

The DVD Movie Drive benefiting the children of the Stewpot's Summer Camp was a huge success. Thanks to all of you, and others in the community, we collected **221** DVD movies, along with other donations including books, skincare samples, monetary donations, and tremendous support.

Thank you so much, and God bless you!

Grant



Grant presenting the donations to Suzanne Erickson, Director of Children & Youth Programs at the Stewpot.



SAVE THIS DATE

September 28. The Deacons are planning a fun fiesta dinner after church on that date. There will be tacos, dessert, and afterwards fun for the kiddies—face-painting and chalk on the walk (actually the Patio)—and a caricature artist to delight the adults. Watch for more information in the coming days.

Festival of Hope

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 18 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. to attend the 2nd Annual Festival of Hope, benefitting Duncanville Outreach Ministry. Again this year, the Festival will be held in Armstrong Park.

The "committee" has been meeting for several weeks now, but your help is also needed. As we fine tune the schedule and activities, we will make you aware of volunteer opportunities that are available.

Story Telling, music, children's activities, food, outreach opportunities and a raffle are on the schedule.

We learned a lot last year (and listened to your feedback), so while some activities will remain the same (more or less) others will take on a new look.

Our goal this year is to raise **\$55,000** for DOM!!! (This is only \$5,000 more than last year).

We look forward to your help and generosity.



Volunteers Needed

If you are handy with a sewing machine or even a needle & thread; or have a creative side...please join in as we update our costumes. The goal is to make sure we have costumes for both youth and adults that can be used in our Advent and Lent programs. Please contact Anna Murphy (972-977-1172) if you are interested in participating. I'd like to begin work in October, but exact dates and times will be set based on availability of those who can assist. (Women and men are both welcome).

Thanks,
Anna



Please update your directory listing for Anna Murphy.
Delete any e-mail address except for
almurphy1214@gmail.com

I have joined the ranks of RETIRED!! WHOO-HOO!!

Anna

Church Directory

UPDATE



FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

September 2014

Remember each other in daily prayer



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

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	1 5:15 PM Deacons Meeting	2 2:00 PM "New Beginnings" Grief Support Small Group	3 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30 PM Festival of Hope Planning Meeting	5	6 10:00 AM Community Children's Chorus Board Meeting																																																																																																		
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28 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship <i>Deacon's Fresh Tacos Luncheon</i> Help Support Duncanville Outreach ----- Bring non-parishable items to donate	29 6:30 PM Community Children's Chorus Rehearsal	30	<div> <div>Aug 2014</div> <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> <div> <div>Oct 2014</div> <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>				S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31							S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						
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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

September 2014

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

September 7	Greeters:	Jaime & Lorraine Cordova
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Sydney Russell
	Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
	Communion Servers:	Adelmo Ruiz, Marna Bayless, Jack Pegues Erin McGinnis, Leo Skinner, Doris Metzger
September 14	Greeters:	Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson
	Ushers:	Eddie Cowand, Dub Guthrie
	Nursery Volunteer:	Darlene Cowand
	Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner
September 21	Greeters:	Wendy Jensen, Donna To
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Erin McGinnis
	Tellers:	Lori Glover, Brenda Everett
September 28	Greeters:	Darlene Cowand, Anna Murphy
	Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Jocelyn Bolles
	Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

September 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.

Charlotte Fithian, September 1
 Fanny Se Penaloza, September 2
 Danielle Reed, September 4
 Cyleigh Kezar, September 7
 Gail Haynes, September 10
 Ginger Hertenstein, September 14
 Jack Pegues, September 14
 Miguel Penaloza, September 19
 Edelmira Ruiz, September 19
 Sharon Ingram, September 22
 Beau Gaskins, September 26
 Aiden Gaskins, September 26
 Hailey Reed, September 26
 Marlene Skinner, September 26
 Margaret Lewis, September 28
 Gary Malone, September 30



	Receipts	Expenditures
July 2014	\$ 11,087	\$ 15,518
Year-to-Date	\$123,234	\$128,254
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.